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Tientsin (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 9
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Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.
Svatow, Amoy and Formosa 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th April. G.P.O. and K.P.O.
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Ord. Mar. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Mar. 9, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Mar. 11, 7.30 p.m.
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Ord. 5.30 p.m.
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Shanghai 9 a.m.
Japan 9 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1940.

Bondholders Out Of Luck

Japanese Indebtedness To British Investors

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Wardlaw Milne, enquired as to what had been the result of the Prime Minister's representations to the Japanese Government on their continued failure to secure payment to British bondholders in the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in spite of excellent business being done by the railway which had been under Japanese control for two years.

Pressing For Reply

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador to Japan, was pressing the Japanese Government for a reply to these representations but none had yet been received and so far no attempt had been made by the Japanese authorities to meet the obligations of the railway to its bondholders.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne said that in pressing the Japanese Government to fulfil their obligations he took it that it was quite clear in the minds of the British Government that funds were available.

Mr. Butler replied that this raised a rather broad and complicated question, but he thought Sir John Wardlaw Milne was, on the whole, right.

Warships For Dutch Indies

Criticism Refuted In Hague Parliament

THE HAGUE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the Second Chamber to-day, the Communist Leader, Mr. Visser, criticised what he called "growing Anglo-Dutch co-operation in the Far East" and urged the withdrawal of the Government's plan to build three new battle cruisers for the Dutch Indies.

The Minister for the Colonies, Mynheer Welter, refuted Visser's views and adhered to the intention to build the ships.

Asama Nazis To Go Via Siberia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TOKYO, March 6 (Domei).—Nine German nationals who were brought to Japan from Hongkong in connection with the Asama Maru incident, will leave Yokohama en route home via Siberia, it was revealed. The Germans were among the 21 German seamen taken off from the Asama Maru by a British warship in the Pacific.

PARIS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Franco-Italian commercial accord has been initiated.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4234	Junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 21,500	\$246
						\$16,125

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2880 & 4023, Stirling Road.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 14,000	\$160
						\$7,000

BRITISH REQUEST TO JAPAN

Want Gambling Dens In S'hai Closed

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Robert Morgan, said that the Prime Minister's undertaking to press the Japanese Government to get on with the work of establishing order in China did not indicate a change of policy of the Government towards the Sino-Japanese war, nor approval of Japanese aggression.

It referred to the suppression of gambling houses and similar establishments in the western area of Shanghai.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

The short session resolved itself into a period of idleness.

11. K. Wharves \$103½
H. K. Docks \$23¼
China Light (New) \$5.00
Hongkong Bank \$1,470
H. K. Miners \$45
H. K. Tram \$18.10
China Light (Old) \$8.45
Electrics \$67½
Cements \$19.00

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236	Boundary Street between Sai Yung Choi Street and Tung Choi Street, Mongkok.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 8,270	\$152
						\$18,023

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2768	Junction of Pak Wing Street and Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	About 11,800	\$123
						\$7,080

Nazis Have Oil In Abundance

But It's Synthetic

MOSCOW, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The belief that Germany's output of synthetic oil from coal exceeds the Anglo-American estimate by 3,000,000 tons annually was expressed by the well-known economist, M. Yevgenij Varga, in the "Red Star."

If Germany's non-military consumption remains as low as hitherto, she will be able to meet the requirements by internal production, he asserts.

M. Varga also discussed the Japanese situation and reached the conclusion that the Japanese economy is so ruined that events are rapidly moving towards a social and political catastrophe.

BRITISH NOTE TO ITALY SOON

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent says that it is expected that the British Note in reply to the Italian protest in regard to the ban on German coal exports will be sent to Rome in the course of the next few days.

Poles Turn Nazis Down

PARIS.

THE Nazis cannot find a Pole to form a Government for the Protectorate they want to establish in Central Poland.

Hitler's special envoy, it is learned here, first approached M. Stanislaw Studnicki, formerly a persistent advocate of closer Polish co-operation with Germany.

He refused the offer of the Premiership and would not even talk to Hitler's emissary.

Professor Kucharszewski also declined the Berlin offer.

The third candidate was Professor Estreicher, of Cracow University. He was ready to accept on conditions.

They were that the Germans evacuated the territory, that all authorities should be Polish, that requisitioning of Polish property ceased, and that payment be made for all goods confiscated or exported to the Reich.

Broken Off

Moreover, all Polish war prisoners should be released.

To this, of course, the Nazis would not agree, and the negotiations were broken off.

A merciless regime of military occupation, exercised by governors appointed by the Reich, is still in force.

Polish inhabitants of Gdansk—formerly Polish port of Gdynia—were ordered to leave their houses and flats.

They are being evacuated to an undisclosed destination, according to news reaching Paris.

Their departure was supervised by the Gestapo. Each family was allowed to take only goods to a total weight of 55lb.

Germans repatriated from Latvia, who arrived in Gdansk a few days ago are to occupy the evacuated homes.

Prince Seized

Prince Eustachy Sapieha, the first Polish Ambassador to Great Britain and later Foreign Minister, has been seized by the Soviets and taken to Russia, according to reports from Poland.

There has been a large number of shootings by courts-martial in Poland, it was admitted in authorised German circles in Berlin.

Balloon Crew's Lonely Task

Barrage Outpost On Bleak Marsh

By A Special Reporter

I have recently visited what must surely be one of the loneliest outposts of the Home Front—and have incidentally obtained a new insight into what many people still suppose to be a soft option among the National Defence Services.

It is a primitive wooden hut, erected on piles in a marsh. Here, on bare boards, and with few of the comforts of the ordinary civilian life they have abandoned, live the crew of a captive balloon, one of the many dotted about London's approaches.

The marshes, with their tufts of coarse grass, stretch away into the mists on all sides. There are no birds, and the only sound that comes out of the mist is the occasional wail of a ship's siren.

The air itself is dank and depressing, save when the icy winds blow across the marshes. There is strenuous work to be done in controlling an ungainly monster, which can be almost vicious in stormy weather.

Day's Leave In 10.

Once every 10 days a man gets 24 hours' leave. For the rest of the time his sole communication with the outside world is a telephone and the bicycle with its haybox carrier which brings him food. Some of these huts still lack wireless sets.

The place, and its occupants, would have provided Checkoff with a perfect play setting. Yet nothing could be less Russian than the spirits of the men in charge of the balloon.

They are intelligent, cheerful, and keen on their job, and to talk with them is to realise how many technical problems are involved in keeping their balloon in immediate readiness for its purpose.

Every kind of weather produces its own problems. A change of conditions may involve hours of strenuous and even dangerous work. I heard of one man who had been stung 201 times in the air when the balloon gave a sudden buck at a gust of wind.

Back at the Squadron Headquarters, some officers were busy with a Meccano set when I arrived. The purpose was not recreation.

Everyone has ideas for improving the efficiency of his flight and, eventually, of the entire balloon-barrage system. Enormous ingenuity is expended on the construction of small test models embodying ideas for new gauges and methods work.

Some of these ideas have already been adopted. Others may be in the future, for the balloon-barrage man is a technician of improvisation, who never ceases to learn and to teach.

JAIL FOR GIRL SPY CHIEF

GENEVA.

VIRGINIA ROTA, alias Capp, the "platinum blonde spy," arrested here last summer, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

She was found guilty of "treason and espionage" on behalf of a foreign Power. Virginia was head of an organisation which was trying to sell the plans of a new detonator of anti-aircraft guns ordered by another foreign Power.

Her accomplices, all Swiss, including a well-known Geneva private detective, were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

The maximum penalty under Swiss law for Virginia's offence is imprisonment for life. In Nazi Germany she would have been beheaded. Virginia was arrested when trying to cross the Swiss frontier.

Technical drawings concerning Swiss anti-aircraft guns and other defence documents were found in her possession, said the prosecutor.

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12.30 Songs by the Hill Billies and Hildegarde.

1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.18 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Act IV.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald.

7.12 "Cello Recital by Paul Casals.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo (Jazz Piano) and Toby Gray

8.30 Edith Lorand and Her Orchestra.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "An Appreciation of Thomas Masaryk."

9.05 Vocal Gems by the Big Four.—With Piano accompaniment.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive La France."—Second of the series by Sir George Clark.

9.45 Selections from Noel Coward's Musical Plays—"Conversation Piece," and "Bitter Sweet."

10.05 A Variety Programme with Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell, The Mills Brothers, Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Others.

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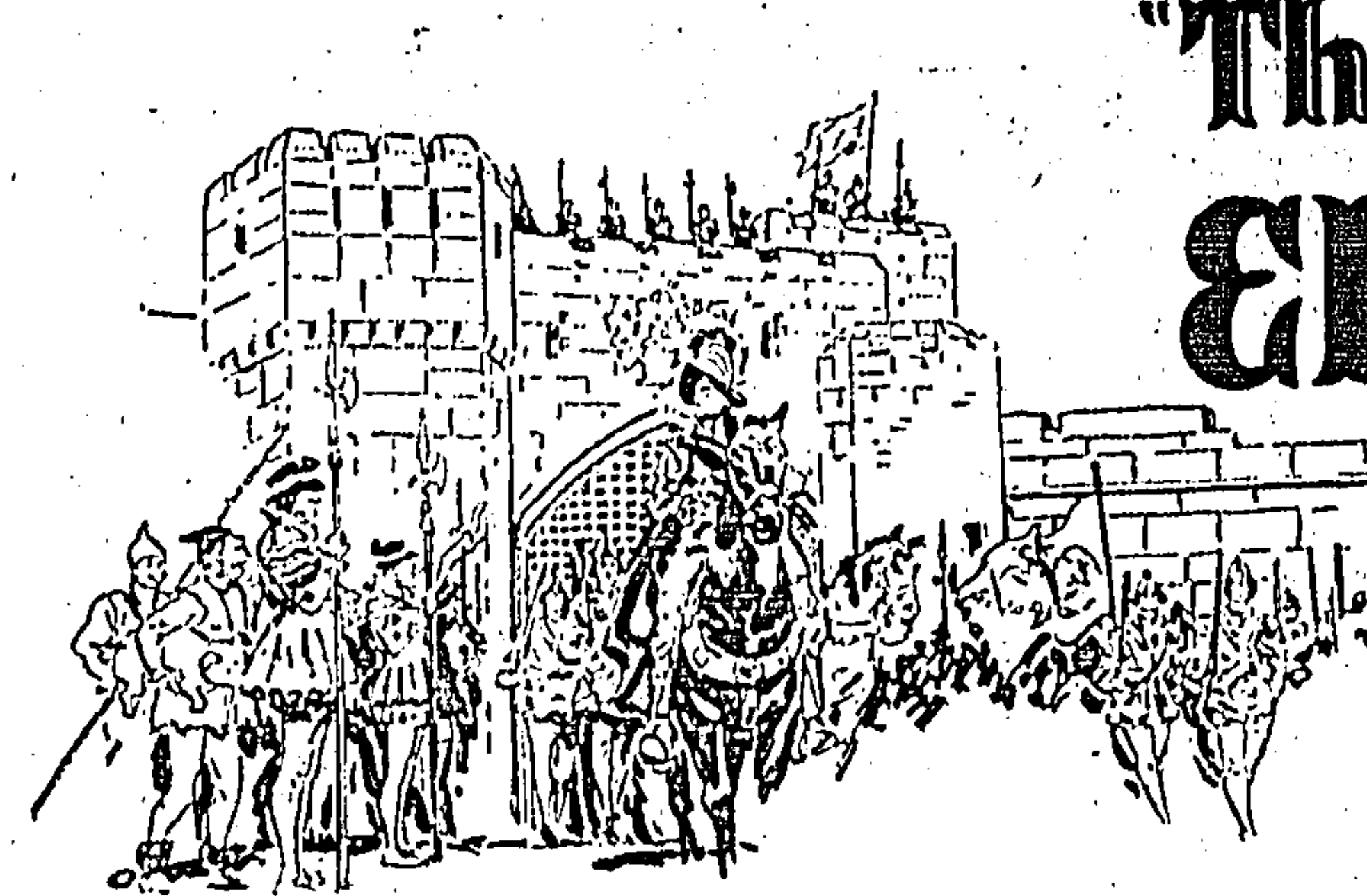
PILGRIMS TO MECCA Numbers Continue Despite Submarine Menace

London, Mar. 6. In a special commentary the Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram comments on a most successful Hajj.
"The number of pilgrims is as great as ever notwithstanding the troubled conditions in the world because all Moslem countries are friends or allies of the democracies who rule the seas. It is thanks to this domination that the Eastern seas are free of German submarines. Even if German submarines could penetrate these seas, one could hardly imagine them sinking a pilgrim ship, but no confidence can be put in the Germans and it is improbable that they would do so. As, however, Britain and France dominate the seas, the pilgrimage will continue safe."—Reuter.

"Doesn't the Queen love me, sweet?"
"I feel that I must tell you something, my lord . . . something that makes me fear for you! . . . Many's the time I've heard her walking up and down her room in the night, cursing you because she must love you and can't help herself! Swearing a terrible vengeance for this love she seems to bear you! Oh, do be careful, Robert! . . . you anger her too much!" She drew her face down to her and kissed him again and again—then turning away reluctantly, she murmured "I'll tell her now you are here . . ."
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"I tell you, my lords, his return is dangerous to us all!" murmured Egerton, his cunning face ghastly under the glare that made the great hall but dimly visible. "With Essex close to her again, influencing her, none of our positions is safe!"

"Which does she love the more, think you . . ." asked Burghley, "her earl or her kingdom?"

"Essex, of course," sneered Raleigh. "Isn't it obvious?"
"You're less clever, Sir Walter, than even I thought," remarked Bacon with veiled sarcasm. "She loves her people and her kingdom above all men, and always will! And that, my friends, is the rock on which Essex's ship will founder! Our own advancement comes only when Essex is in Ireland . . . or somewhere! Are you . . . willing to . . . join with me in a . . ."

"Willing!" exclaimed Sir Walter. "When he's snatched my honours from me, till his very walk and voice and aspect make me writhe! But how . . .?"
"The Council meets at nine to-night," said Bacon, grimacing wryly. "We've time enough to plan! But this is too public a place!"

THEIR stealthy going left only the motionless guards at the entrance to the Queen's private rooms, and Essex, pacing impatiently before it.

When the door slowly opened at last he strode in hastily, smiling in pleased recognition of the fact that the lady curtsying so prettily before him, was none other than Lady Penelope Grey.

"Have I kept Her Majesty waiting, Penelope?"
"Oh, no, my lord, no . . . in fact she's not quite ready!" stammered the blushing beauty. "Forgive me for asking you, my lord . . . but may I have a moment with you . . . I want to ask . . . how shall I say it . . . I want to ask you whether you . . . love the Queen?"

"Yes my dear . . . I love her deeply . . . but why do you ask?"
"I only wish, my lord, that you loved someone who loves you better!"
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"The silver plated!" Essex supplied the word with an insolently ingratiating grin. "I assure you, Madame, he'll wear silver at your door no more!"
"I know that silver armour would draw your fire!" cried Elizabeth, bursting into a fit of harsh and uncontrollable laughter. "What have you done to him, boy? Come, tell me!"
"The fashion's gone out, that's all!" guffawed Essex, whacking her familiarly. She returned the rough caress, and they caught hands and roared with boisterous mirth. Suddenly he swept her into his arms. For a moment she pretended to resist, then yielded, and their kiss had in it all the love and longing of their separation. When at last she spoke, her voice was husky with passion . . . and despair.

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are summoned before the Queen on their return from the successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex, with whom the Queen is notoriously infatuated, is enraged when she elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself. When he protests hotly, the Queen strikes him across the face and he leaves London. Her army defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to get Essex back. Bacon explains the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest and Essex comes back. He ridicules Raleigh and the two men are crossing swords when Bacon parts them and Essex goes in for a quarrelsome and loving tryst with the Queen. The other courtiers plot to banish him.

"Let us be kind for a little, Robert, my darling," she murmured. "You are young and strangely sweet and my heart cries out to you wherever you are! And something in me has drawn you, too . . . But this same, lovely, dreadful thing that draws us together hurts and blinds us until we strike at one another! And it grows worse with the years! I fear it will end badly . . ."

SO, intermittently cursing and caressing, they talked of a thousand things . . . they talked of Cadiz and of Ireland . . . of love . . . and hate . . . and love again.

Not heeding the repeated call, they arrived at the Council meeting late.

Raleigh and the rest had their plot well in hand. "So you challenge me to go, do you?" blazed Essex, and turning to the Queen he pleaded, "Give me the men I need, Your Majesty! Put me in command, and if I fail to crush Tyrone, take my sword and break it, for I'll never use it again!"

"Oh, you fool, you fool . . . murmured Elizabeth. "They'd set out to trap you . . . and they've done it! Can't you see?"

"Of course I see, but my decision is made! I go to Ireland!" Elizabeth sat in haughty state until the last man of the Council had fled out, then, throwing her arms about Essex, she moaned tearfully, "Oh, Robert, I can't let you go . . . I can't! I can't! I may never see you again . . ."

"I'll win! Is it so hard to believe me . . . to forgive me?"
"I believe you . . . I'll even forgive you if you need it . . . Here, this ring . . . my father gave it to me and told me that if ever he lost his temper with me to bring it back and he'd forgive me . . . Take it . . ."

"I'll take it to remember you in absence . . . take it because the years are full of sharp, wearing days that change us into people we do not know . . . Let us and I . . . who love each other now . . . may wake up some morning strangers . . . enemies . . ."

"YOU'RE still Essex's friend, are you not, Master Bacon?" the Queen asked, the moment that her wily courtier had entered her room and shut the door.
"Why . . . yes, Madame!"
"He's a dangerous man to follow! He's no longer in my favour! For get him! All friends of his are going straightway to the Tower! Are you . . . still . . . his friend?"

"Yes, Madame."
"You don't believe me, do you? Why?"
"If you intended to imprison me in the Tower, Your Majesty," he replied with a grim smile, "I'd be there now, and no talk about it!"

"Shrewd, aren't you! It's honesty I'm looking for! Oh, if I could only be sure of one honest voice! Tell me, Bacon, Essex couldn't fail me, could he? . . . No? Then why hasn't he written me? I've written him my love time and time again! Tell me truly, bitter or not, why hasn't he answered?"
"Have you angered him?" asked Bacon softly, knowing he was treading on thin ice. "Have you sent him unwelcome orders? He is proud, you know!"

"I've cut off all revenues and supplies," she cried defiantly. "Ordered him to disband his forces! But I'm Queen still, and that he shall never take from me! I'm not broken yet, am I, Bacon?"
"No your Majesty, nor over shall be!"

AGAIN the name of Essex was on the frantic lips of London.

He was even now riding toward Whitehall, followed by the remnant of his unfortunate army, and a shouting host of new retainers. "Up with Essex! Down with Elizabeth!" was the cry. "The Queen is dead! Long live the King!"

Elizabeth's courtiers informed her with great concern of the precautions that had been taken for her safety. Essex was all but at the castle gates, they told her. She laughed scornfully. "About which," she asked, "are you more distressed, your hides, or me? Dismiss the guards! Bid Essex enter!" Essex said, bowing low, "you would not see me!"

"I will see you!" she replied sharply, not daring to let her eyes rest upon him. "State your grievances if you have any! You bring an army with you, I understand! Didn't you receive my orders to disband?"

"Yes, madam, I did!" she retorted, her face flushing with anger. "Brief . . . to the point . . . wasting no words! In short, nothing!"
"That is not true! I wrote you many times, giving you all details, asking your aid, your trust and love, and in return got nothing! No arms, no men, no money, no food! If you'd backed me up as I asked, I'd have beaten Tyrone and forced peace in Ireland in a month!"

"You wrote to me!"
"Not once but many times . . ."
"And had no letter from me?"
"None!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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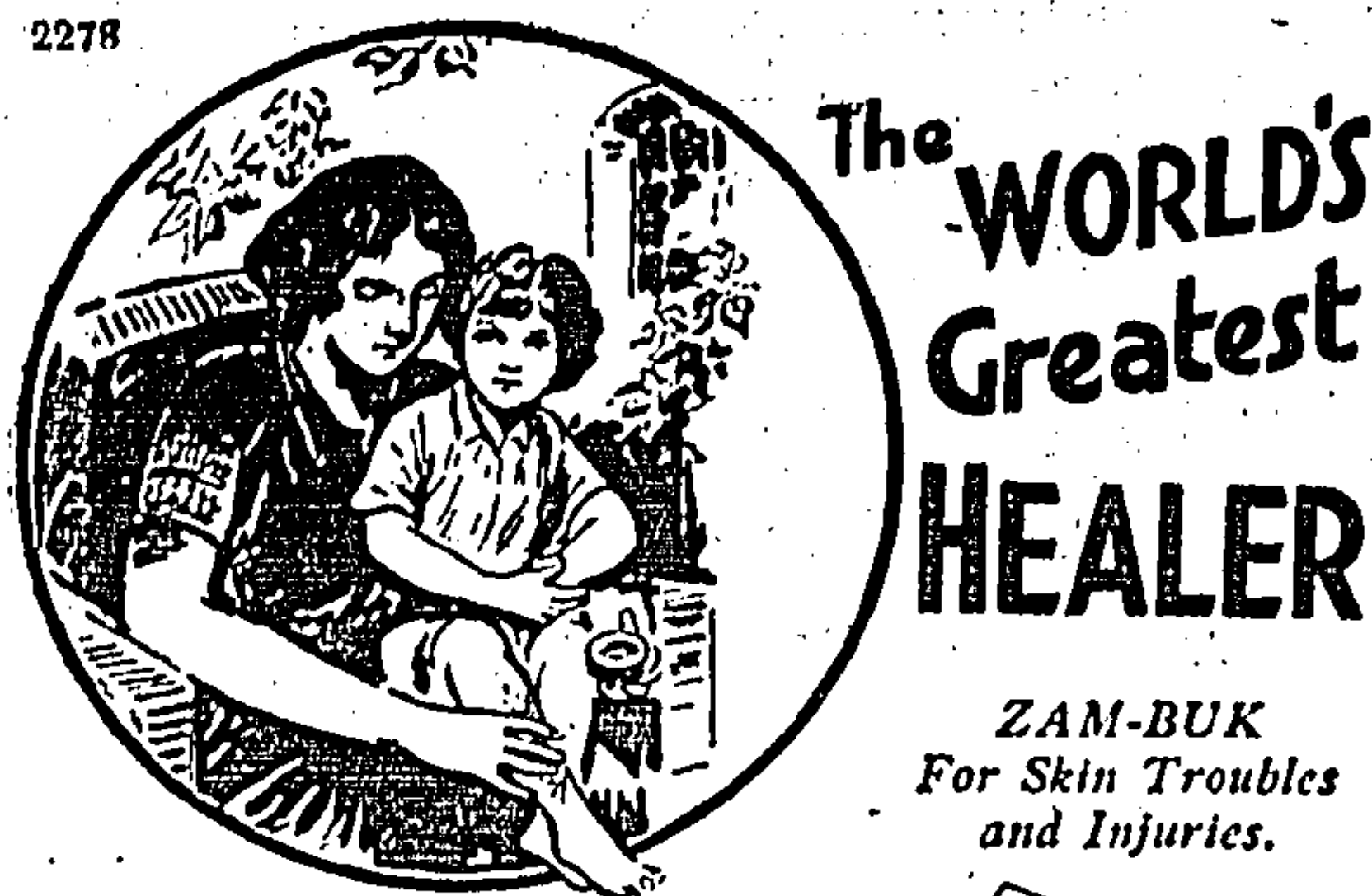
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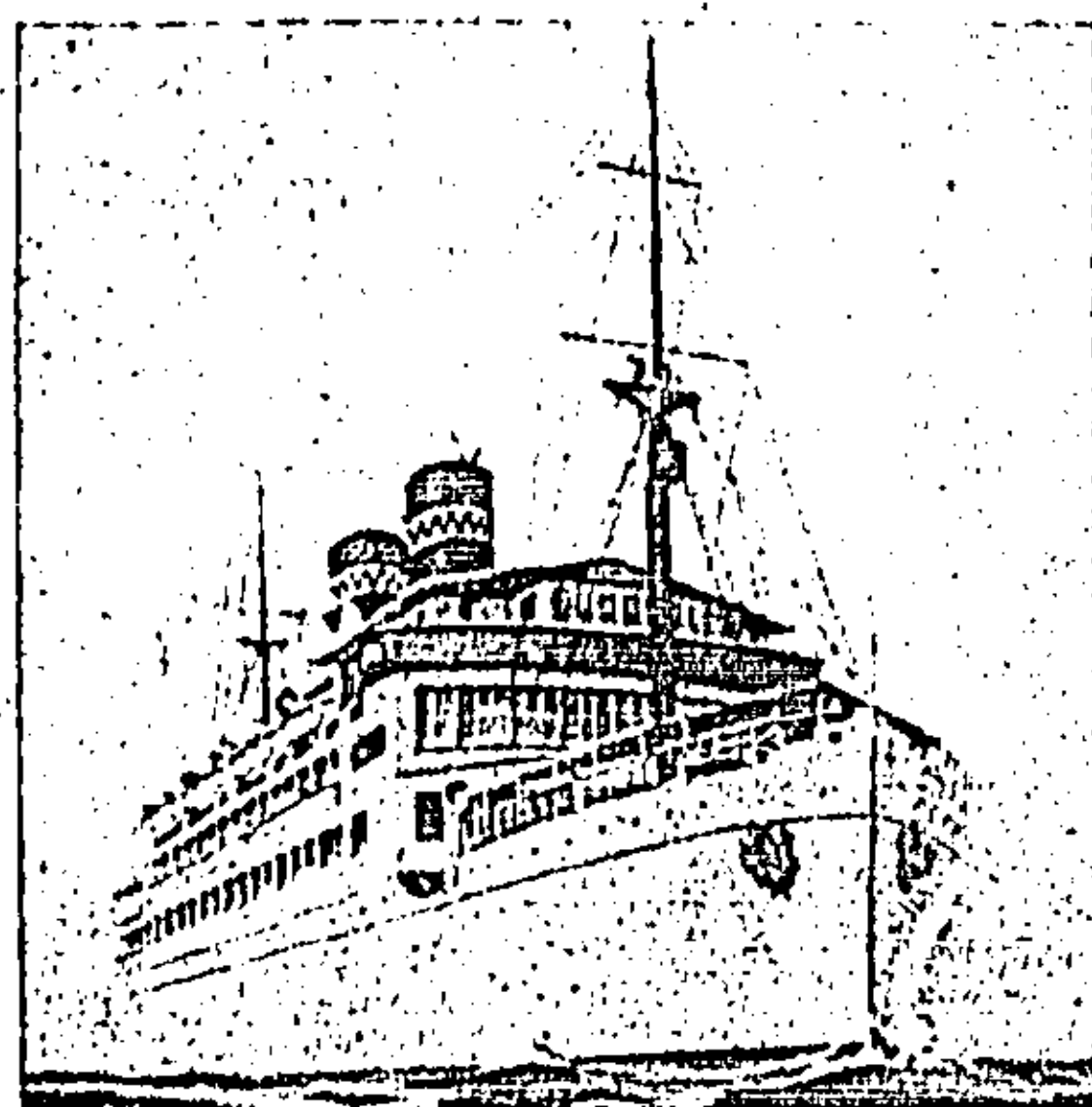
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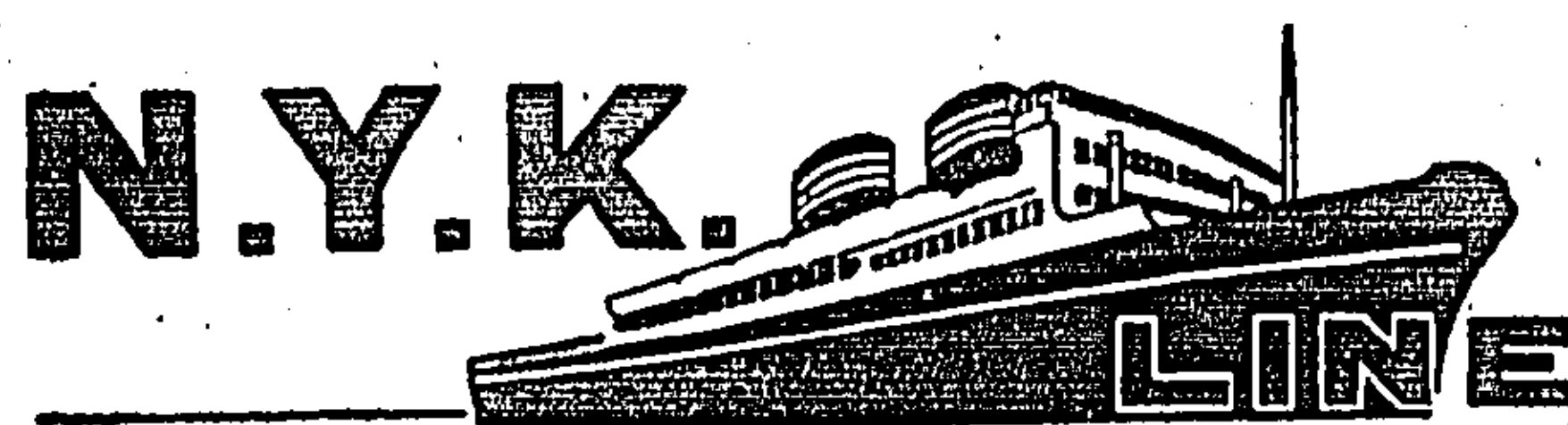
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Simple Rules For Glamour

By JACQUELINE HUNT

ARE you going to attend any sports? In any case, you should be beauty-minded. Not only will you want to be pretty as possible for the boy friend while the game is in progress, but you'll want to be positively glamorous when you greet the victorious team. You will need a lasting and protective make-up during the afternoon and all the little extras that will serve for any emergency that might arise when you are dressing for the evening party.

You will probably have a make-up kit to start out with, but see that, in addition to such essentials as cleanser, tonic and make-up base, it includes a warm, glowing shade of powder that you can use for evening and the right shade of rouge and lipstick. Tuck in mascara and eye shadow, and be sure to include a powder blending brush and a stick of tinted foundation preparation little creases around your nose, to cover up skin blemishes or a pimple if one appears.

Don't Forget Perfume

Last but not least, see to your perfume. You will want a light, spicy, fresh fragrance for the afternoon. You might like to carry it in your purse in a handy little dispenser so you can renew the application if the wind blows away all trace of it before the game is over. If you have an opportunity to bathe and change from the skin out you might like to take along a more romantic fragrance in a leak-proof atomizer to spray on before the party.

Now, for the details of your make-up. Cleanse your face and throat with a creamy semi-liquid or cleanser or cold cream. Remove with tissues and put on more of the cold cream or a softening cream and leave on for ten minutes. Wipe off the excess with tissues. Your skin will feel very soft to the touch but not greasy. Put on your foundation. You can use a liquid powder base, but a cream will give you more

This charming girl (left) uses a soft powder blending brush so her skin will appear smooth. Below, she covers up a little blemish with a "spot stick" of tinted foundation cream before going to the dance.



protection if the weather is crisp or blustery.

Into this, blend your rouge. Go easy on the rouge. The cold air may nip your cheeks and make them naturally rosy, or it may make your natural warmth and rosinness recede, leaving your skin unusually clear and white. In the first case, you won't need much rouge; in the latter, too much would stand out blatantly.

Final Touches

Powder generously, patting it well into the rouge. The cold air may nip your cheeks and make them naturally rosy, or it may make your natural warmth and rosinness recede, leaving your skin unusually clear and white. In the first case, you won't need much rouge; in the latter, too much would stand out blatantly.

Use a dry mascara brush to remove stray flecks of powder from your lashes and eyebrows. Then, to complete their grooming, brush with a small amount of brown eyelash cream or petroleum jelly. Smooth a little on your lids, too, to protect them from the cold. Better omit mascara. The cold might bring tears to your eyes and a mascara-smudged face won't appeal to your hero.

You are now ready for an exciting afternoon. Your make-up will last, so do not try to retouch it. Dress warmly, so your face won't turn blue from the cold.

Pie-Dish Apples

APPLE crisp is ideal when you want a pudding that is quick and easy to make and neither very light nor substantial. Peel and slice four large cooking apples and put them into a casserole with about half a teaspoonful of water. Sprinkle with a teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, and spread over the top a mixture of quarter of a teaspoonful of flour, 3 tablespoonfuls of margarine, and 2 tablespoonfuls of caster sugar, worked to a crumbly consistency.

Bake uncovered in a hot oven for an hour. Serve with hot custard.

For cracker apples use six cream crackers biscuits, or if a more economical pudding is required, an equivalent amount of dry bread made crisp in the oven.

Place a layer over the bottom of a buttered pie-dish and cover with a layer of thinly-sliced apples, a little grated lemon rind, and a few drops of lemon juice. Spread over the apples a little raspberry or other jam, and a few pats of margarine. Cover with the rest of the biscuits or bread, pour in about three tablespoonfuls of water, add a few more pats of margarine, and bake in a hot oven for an hour. Serve alone or with hot custard.

W. B.

Renovating Your Wardrobe

THIS is the time of year when we think our clothes are in need of a little refurbishing. We want them to look a little smarter.

When we are planning any renovation with regard to our clothes let us see that it is designed to make them brighter or more colourful and gay than before. It should always be remembered, too, that the best renovations do not look like renovations at all but appear to be a most important part of the dress itself.

The vogue for vividly-coloured plaid is a great help in refurbishing a dress or suit. A wide belt of plaid material, looks smart on a dark, plain wool dress. The sleeve linings, or the buttons, may be of plaid to match, while if the dress boasts a small bolero this may be lined entirely of the plaid fabric.

If your suit wants a new blouse, then let it be a noteworthy affair of very bright silk or satin in many colours. Blouses of striped wool, or a plain, collarless sweater knitted of thick wool in a bright colour are also fashionable.

Or what about a waistcoat made of felt, fur or fur fabric? This, too, is very smart, and quite easy to

Try An Oil Shampoo

HAIR which is in a bad condition is very difficult to arrange becomingly, but it generally succumbs to a little regular treatment.

Such treatment is specially important if you are going to have a new permanent wave before long, because you cannot possibly expect it to be successful if your hair is lifeless or too dry.

A SERIES of oil shampoos are excellent both for lubricating the hair and for cleaning the scalp.

So every eight or nine days over a period of three or four weeks give your head an oil treatment before shampoo. This treatment is also very helpful towards the removal of dandruff.

Warm some olive oil, dip a piece of cotton wool in it and rub it all over the scalp, making a series of partings in the hair for this purpose. Then massage the oil well into the scalp with the finger-tips, and wrap up the hair in a warm towel for an hour or so.

Meanwhile, stir three ounces of pure, mild soap into just over a pint of hot water until it is melted, and allow it to cool a little before using. Now shampoo the hair with this soap, rubbing it well into the scalp, rinsing it off, and then making a second application. Rinse the hair thoroughly before drying.

Without Soap

Between these oil treatments the hair should be given a yolk of egg shampoo, which will clean the scalp and leave the hair soft and shining. For this, no soap is used, which is sometimes an advantage where dry hair is concerned.

Two egg yolks are beaten up in a cup of distilled water. The hair is then parted and the parting gently scrubbed with a rubber brush or a soft nail brush dipped in the egg. Another parting is made just above the egg mixture scrubbed into it, and so on until the scalp has been covered.

Then the scalp is massaged and the hair combed lightly, so that the egg mixture is distributed all over it.

Rub the hair together for a moment, and then rinse it in several lots of clean, warm water.

Brushing is undoubtedly good for the hair—also it helps to keep it clean, which is absolutely essential if you want it to be at its healthiest. But the brushing has to be done so that the hair is tugged away from the scalp if it is to be beneficial. It does not help matters to use a very stiff brush and bang the bristles on the scalp at every stroke. Instead the hair should be parted and brushed away from the direction in which it grows, the side of the brush being used.

M. M.

SHORT CUTS

Small pickled onions go well with fish.

Keep some silver polish in a salt shaker at the sink to remove stains on silver in a hurry.

Hints To Remember

DURING damp foggy weather, rub brass door-steps and letter-boxes with a cloth dipped in olive-oil, so that when a bright day arrives it only needs rubbing off and cleaning in the ordinary way as the oil has prevented discoloration.

To save the coal-scuttle from being dented, cut a circle of linoleum the same size as its base, and put it at the bottom. This not only acts as a pad, but also prevents rust marks.

The risk of slipping on a step-ladder is greatly minimised by making a strip of emery paper to nail on each step.

A neat saucepan lid "rest" can be made by fixing dresser-hooks to the under-side of the saucepan, sheet placing every two hooks just far enough apart for a lid to be slipped between.

Broken clothes-pegs make excellent window wedges, and are useful for keeping the oven-door tightly shut if the catch has worn loose.

Place a piece of blotting-paper at the bottom of a salt-cellar and it will prevent the salt becoming damp in wet weather.

Before using a glass flower-holder, place corks cut in half underneath it. This will raise it sufficiently to allow water to get beneath it, so enabling the flowers to have more water and a longer life.

Organdie or muslin can be restored and made easy to iron by adding one tablespoonful of methylated spirit to each pint of rinsing water. Dry and iron as usual.

Scorch marks on linen are best removed by rubbing them with a freshly-cut onion, and soaking the material afterwards in cold water. Similar marks on cotton fabrics can be removed with a little bicarbonate of soda mixed into a paste with cold water.

If a ceiling is discoloured, cover the marks with a thick starch solution and leave until dry. When it is brushed off the marks will have disappeared.

If new shoes are difficult to polish rub them all over with a cut lemon and leave until quite dry, when they can be easily polished.

To clean a saucepan that has been scorched by food adhering to it, sprinkle some dry baking powder in it and allow to stand for a while, when it can be easily removed.

G. G. T.

Concerning Eyebrows

WE all know how much can be told by the mere raising or lowering of the brow. It is this feature that gives the eye its subtle shading in merriment, despair, or calm repose. Eyebrows are a very important feature. Remove them from a photograph plate and you realise what they mean to a face.

We have gone through an era of overwhelming arching of eyebrows, which still may be all right for a rare individual, but fairly ludicrous on others. But the most important thing in connection with current beauty is the natural line of brow played to the hilt.

Eyebrows are eyebrows once again, and not to be mistaken for anything except eyebrows. So the tweezed brows, shaped to a point far above the natural browline, look like a last year's number really. It is not a blank expression you endow your face with this year, but one displaying a live, warm personality, with character. This good line of eyebrow gives that to the face.

R. H.



The wasp waist achieved by a set-in band in a blue and white polka dot cotton frock piped in white. Shirred shoulders, big patch pockets, down the front buttons, collarless neckline are smart.

Keep Your Scissors "Exclusive"

SCISSORS are exclusive by nature. Manicure scissors, for instance, object to being used for opening a tin, even though it may not contain sardines, but face powder. In fact, the more you can keep each pair of scissors for its own particular work, the better it will serve you.

Keep manicure scissors in a little case, even though it is only a triangular one made from two pieces of old suede or velvet. The fact of your having to take them out of their home will remind you to keep them for one purpose only, and you'll soon get into the habit of refraining from using them for anything else but nails.

Cutting-out and embroidery scissors should also be protected from everyday use, and it is a good plan to have a small pair attached by string to your work tidy for snipping off cotton ends, etc. It is well to remember that for unpicking purposes a razor blade is more satisfactory than scissors in every way.

If there are children in the house, keep a blunt-nosed pair with name tape attached on a special hook in the kitchen for their personal use. This makes them feel that this pair is their own private property and they will take a pride in keeping the blades free from paste, or anything else that is liable to spoil them.

A special pair of kitchen scissors should also be kept in the kitchen by the sink, for these specially-made ones are invaluable for cutting up peel, raisins, bacon rind, and so on. Hang up an old pair of scissors in a prominent position in the kitchen or scullery for cutting flower stems and a hundred and one other uses. Keep an old pair in the string box, too.

The home dressmaker can provide herself with a pair of shears which pink as they cut.

Keep your scissors sharpened, and if you cannot have this done professionally, cut them gently on to a steel knitting needle. You will find this very effective.

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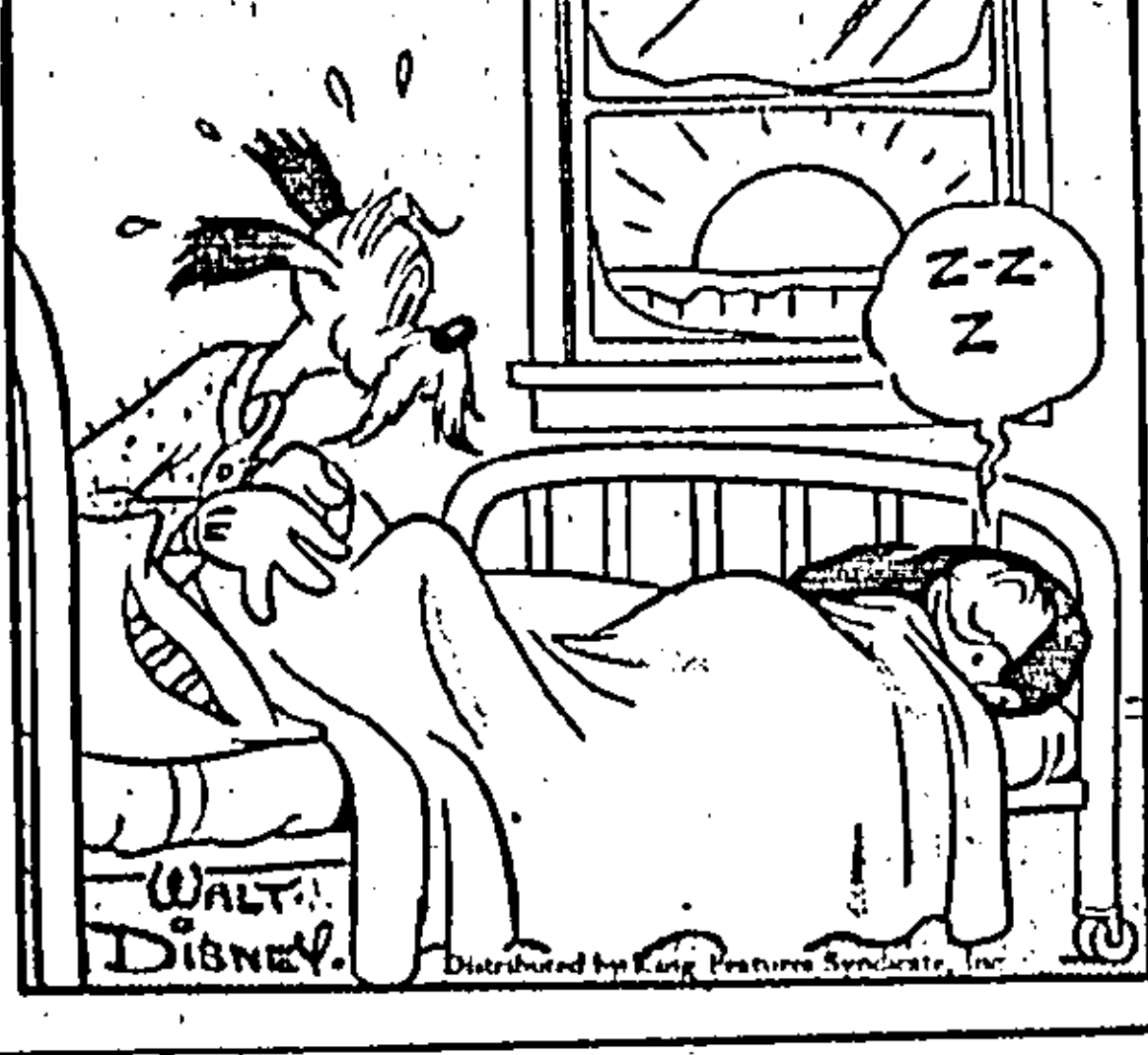
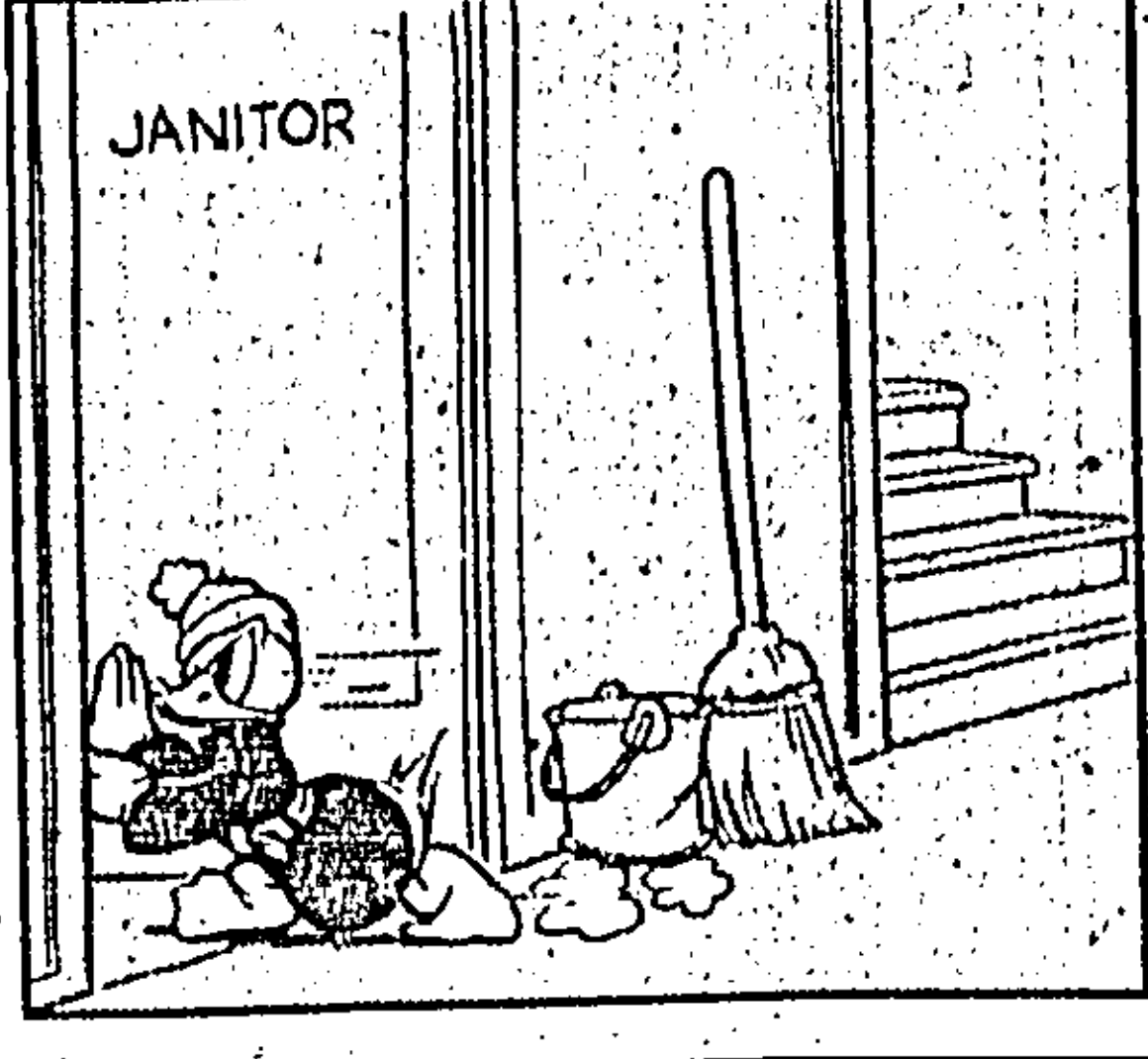
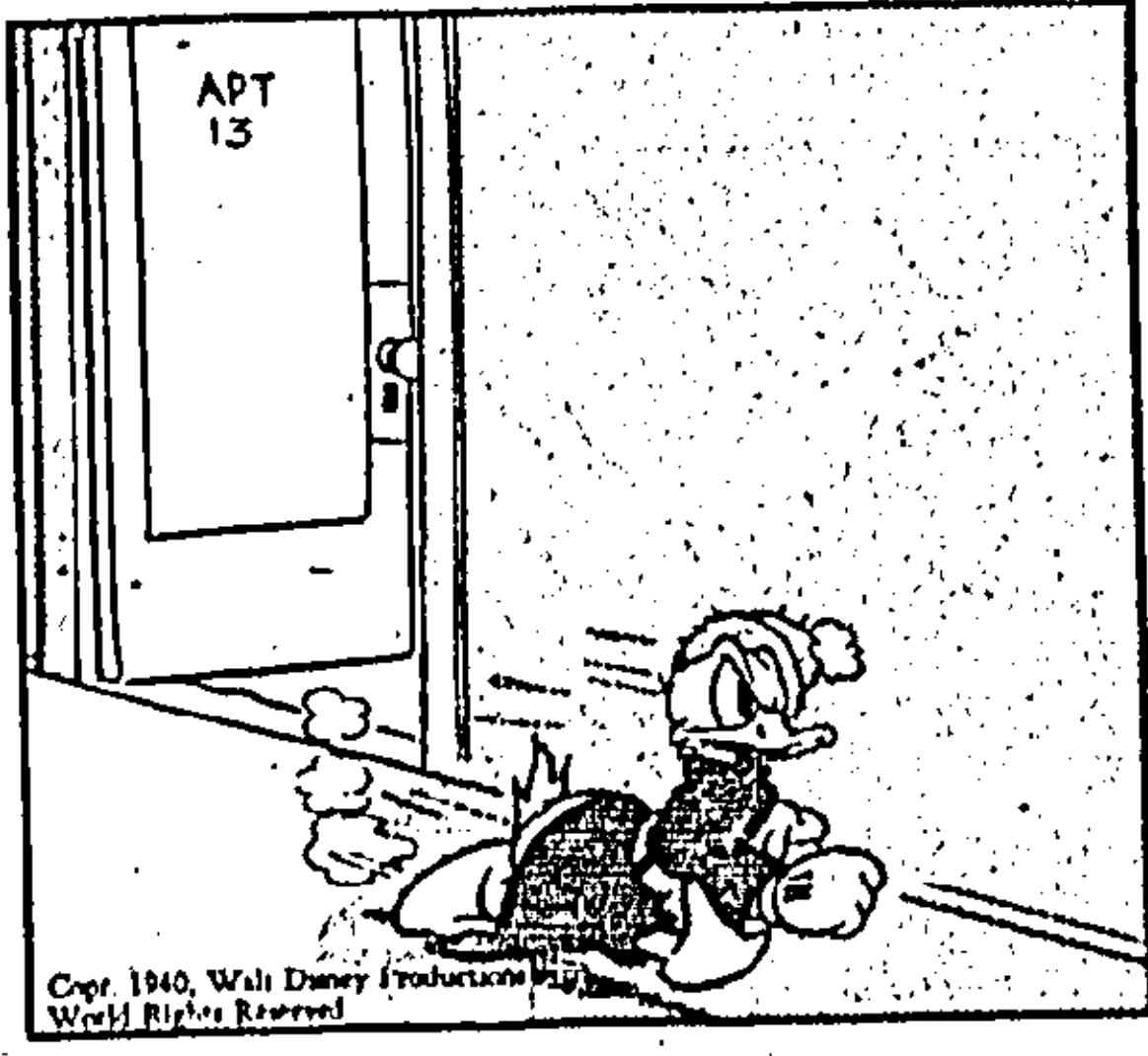
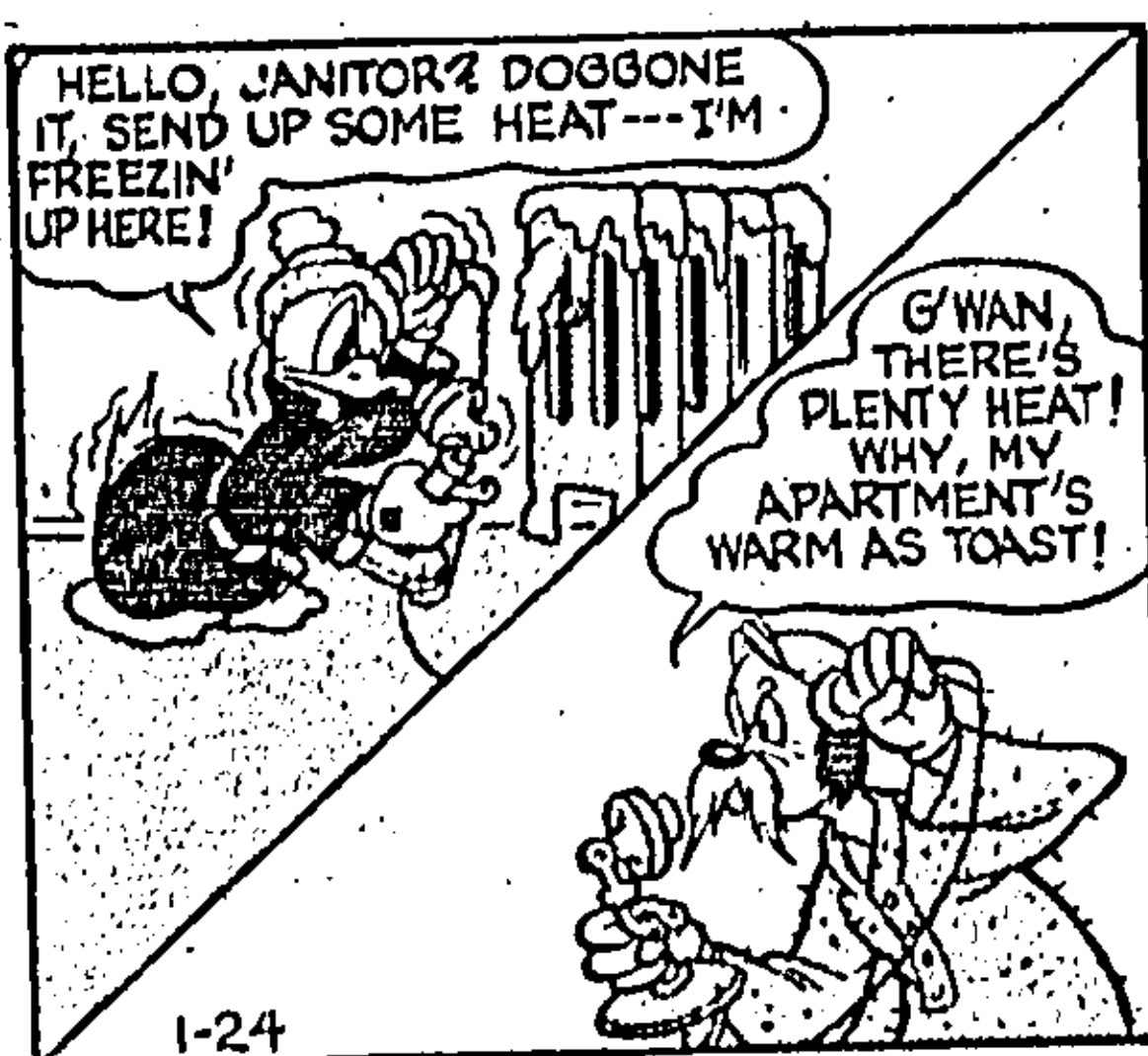
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VIVID tales of heroism abound on every page of the River Plate battle supplement to the "London Gazette."

Midshipman Archibald Cameron and Able Seaman G. Gwilliam, of the Exeter, for instance. An 11-inch shell burst near them, setting a locker of live ammunition ablaze and causing it to explode.

Another ammunition locker took fire and a second explosion seemed inevitable. But Cameron and Gwilliam smothered both fires and threw overboard the unexploded shells and cartridges, which were still hot and in danger of exploding.

"Gwilliam showed no regard for his own safety," says the official account.

Cameron gets the D.S.C.; Gwilliam the C.C.M.

R. PLATE BATTLE SUPPLEMENT TO "LONDON GAZETTE"—ON HEROISM

H.M.S. AJAX

HERE is the list of the awards to the Ajax men who fought in the River Plate battle.

D.S.O.

Captain Douglas H. Everett, for his work as Commander.

Lieut. Ian Dudley De'Ath, Royal Marines, who, in charge of a turret when an 11-inch shell passed through the working chamber below, went at once to the hatch, which had been blown open and was giving out sparks and smoke, to find out the damage.

D.S.C.

Lieut.-Com. Desmond P. Dwyer, who, as Gunnery Officer of the ship, controlled the fire with great skill and ensured the high efficiency of his department.

Lieut. Norman Kelsae Todd, who carried out navigating duties with the utmost coolness and accuracy throughout the action.

Lieut. Edgar D. G. Lewin, who was catapulted after the action had started when the air-worthiness of his aircraft was in doubt.

W. Engr. Arthur P. Monk, who made all preparations for catapulting the aircraft.

WL Shipwright, Frank Henry Thomas, who, when knocked down and wounded by the explosion of an 11-inch shell, went at once to the centre of the damage, where he encouraged and directed repair parties.

Gunner Reginald C. Blazs, who, in charge of a turret, dealt very well with the failure of one ammunition hoist, and by his zeal and energy saw to it that his guns fired all they could in the time.

D.S.M.

Albert E. Fuller, Petty Officer, who was in charge of an electrical repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst, putting out all lights and causing much damage to electrical gear.

William G. Dorling, Chief Mechanician (2nd Class), who was in charge of the Stokers' Fire and Repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst, cutting pipes and starting fires.

Bertram Wood and Frank E. Monk, Stokers (1st Class), who showed special bravery, presence of mind and forwardness in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near them.

Duncan Graham, Shipwright (Third Class), who set a magnificent example by his courage near severe damage.

James W. Jenkins, Electrical Artificer (Third Class), who showed special presence of mind in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near him.

Raymond G. Cook, Sergeant, Royal Marines, who showed great initiative in carrying out orders when a turret was severely hit and fires and casualties occurred.

Thomas S. Reginald Norman Buckley, Marine, who when a turret was hit showed great efficiency in ensuring the safety of the ammunition.

Clarence H. Charles Gorton, Petty Officer, who being in charge of a turret, worked hard and well, and ensured the maximum output from his turret throughout the action.

John W. Hill, Petty Officer, who, as director layer, carried out his most important duties with great skill.

Leonard C. Curd, Leading Seaman, who carried out most important fire control duties usually performed by an officer.

Robert D. Macey, Able Seaman, who, being in charge of a shell room, ensured that there was no delay in ammunition supply in the turret.

Robert McClernan, Able Seaman, who, being in charge of a magazine, set a fine example of skilful work.

Richard C. Perry, Stoker (1st Class), who worked with energy, skill and initiative in making repairs to the catapult motor during action.

H.M.S. ACHILLES

ALL these men fought in the Achilles and have been honoured.

D.S.O.

Com. Douglas M. L. Neame, Commander of the ship.

D.S.C.

Lieut. George G. Cowburn, who handles the ship with the utmost skill and coolness and was indispensable when the Commanding Officer and Chief Yeoman of Signals were wounded alongside him.

The Ship's immunity from being hit was mainly due to him.

Surg.-Lieut. Colla G. Hunter, who was very junior for the responsible duty of Principal Medical Officer.

Gunner Harry T. Bursell, who, throughout the first action and the sixteen-hour chase which followed, carried out his duties with the greatest zeal and efficiency.

D.S.M.

Leslie Hood, Acting Chief Mechanician (Second Class), who was most helpful in the engine room, and showed zeal and energy throughout the action.

William Job Wain, Chief Stoker, who was, in the words of one of the staff of "A" boiler room, an "inspiration and help to them all."

Lincoln C. Martinson, Chief Yeoman of Signals, seriously wounded, and in great pain, he continued to inquire after the welfare of the visual signals department.

William L. Brewer, Chief Petty Officer, Telegraphist, whose coolness and ability, when under fire, in repairing damage to wireless equipment on the upper deck and below decks resulted in Achilles' wireless being in full working order again in a very short time.

George H. Sampson, Chief Ordnance Artificer (First Class), whose skilful maintenance of the gun armament material secured that at the end of the action all guns were fully in action and all hoists working.

Albert G. Young, Cook, whose energetic example and most cheerful demeanour were an inspiration to the rest of his quarters during the whole of this action and the 16-hour chase.

Frank T. Saunders, Sergeant, R.M., who acted with courage and initiative throughout the engagement, overcoming each difficulty and breakdown as it occurred.

Royal parks to be dug for food

YOU will be able to dig for victory in some of the royal parks in and near London.

Mr. Ramsbottom, First Commissioner of Works, announced in the House of Commons recently that sixty-three acres of land in those royal parks administered by the Office of Works are being turned over to allotments.

The parks allotted are Bushy Park, Richmond Park, Regent's Park and Greenwich Park.

Superintendents of all parks have also authority to grow vegetables in "inconspicuous" parts of flower beds.

Vegetables are growing under glass in Hyde Park. This will not interfere with the normal show of flowers there.

NINE BROTHERS IN SAME REGIMENT

THE Lord Mayor of Belfast, Sir Crawford McCullagh, entertained three of nine brothers named Reilly who arrived in Britain with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. They are all in the same regiment.

H.M.S. EXETER

HERE is the Exeter's list of decorations, apart from those mentioned above:—

D.S.O.

Com. Robert K. Graham, the commander of the Exeter.

Com. (E) Charles E. Simms, who, by his zeal and energy, brought his engines to full power in record time, and set a fine example to his fellows.

D.S.C.

Com. Charles Smith, who showed great calm and resource when communications had failed and after the action worked tirelessly to repair electrical damage although wounded in the leg.

Com. Richard R. Jennings, who throughout the action controlled the main armament with great skill.

When only one turret was left in action he tried to spot from the after control position, though standing over the muzzles of the guns.

Lieut. Aidan E. Tease, Royal Marines, who was very active and resourceful in assisting to render the turret safe after it had been hit by an 11-inch shell.

Surg.-Lieut. Roger W. G. Lancaster, who during the action and throughout the passage to the Falklands, worked unceasingly without sleep.

Midshipman Robert W. D. Don, who, throughout the action showed great calm, resource and initiative, especially in running "heads" into the burning Marines' barracks, in fighting a fire over the lower steering position, and in rescuing the wounded.

W. Ship, Charles E. Rendle, who controlled the shoring up and general repairs to the after section of the ship during the action.

D.S.M.

James McGarry, Engine Room Artificer (2nd Class), who on his own initiative at the beginning of the action flooded the petrol compartment.

After the two shellbursts near him and in dense fumes, with dead and dying around him, himself blown against a bulkhead and temporarily stunned, he maintained complete charge.

Frank L. Bond, Engine Room Artificer (4th Class), who, on a shell entering the flat in which he was, stood fast in the dense fumes, and, waiting until the last man was reported clear of a magazine, then flooded it.

Arthur B. Wilde, Sergeant, who, ordering the evacuation of a turret after the gun-house had been hit by an eleven-inch shell, calmly put a tourniquet of rope round the stump of a Marine's arm. He then returned to the gun-house, put out a fire, removed and threw a charge of cordite overboard.

Herbert V. Chalkley, Acting Petty Officer, whose work with the fire parties was outstanding.

Charles D. Pope, Sick Berth Chief Petty Officer, who displayed great coolness, initiative and cheerful optimism despite the floods in the Sick Bay.

Charles F. Hallas, Petty Officer, who, at the start of the action, remained at his station until all torpedoes were fired. He then formed parties to deal with fires on deck and help the wounded.

John L. Hinkley, Stoker, 1st Class, who, when taken wounded to the After Medical Station, refused all attention until he was certain that the message he had been carrying had been delivered.

Eric A. Shoemith, Acting Leading Airman, who on his own initiative, despite his clothing being soaked in petrol, climbed on to the top of the centre section of the aircraft and cleared a stay which had fallen across it, thus freeing the aircraft for jettisoning.

George E. Smith, Plumber, 2nd Class, who shortly after an explosion in the Chief Petty Officers' Flat, took a party of Stokers there to free the Main Switchboard Room's hatch.

Frederick Knight, Joiner, 3rd Class, who, while bleeding in the face and

WORLD'S BEST DRESSED



In a "United Press" poll of the world's best-dressed women, the Duchess of Windsor, above, tied for first place with her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Kent. The poll was taken among Parisian dressmakers.

NAZIS TRY BURROWING OUT OF PRISON CAMP

A SURPRISE visit by a night patrol to a hut in a South of England internment camp has prevented a daring attempt at escape by 17 Germans.

The men—civilian internees—had taken up the floor boards of their hut and were found scraping at the earth with improvised tools.

badly shaken by the 11-inch shells exploding improvised stretchers for the wounded.

William E. Green, Petty Officer, who, when the upper steering position was put out of action started off to see that the after steering position was correct; on his way he was seriously wounded.

Joseph A. Rooskey, Chief Mechanician (2nd Class), whose work was outstanding among all those on the catapult platforms jettisoning the aircraft.

Alfred J. Hall, Able Seaman: who when taken wounded to the fore medical station himself gave first aid to the other wounded.

Stephen J. Smith, Petty Officer, whose prompt action in running emergency circuits to a turret and the after steering motor helped to maintain the ship in action.

Thomas G. Phillips, Engine Room Artificer (2nd Class), who got the two extra dynamos on load in record time.

Sidney A. Carter, Master-at-Arms: who though wounded early in the action, carried on in the after medical party.

Eric T. Dakin, Sick Berth Attendant: who had been in the ship only a week, having been lent from H.M.S. Ajax, his first ship.

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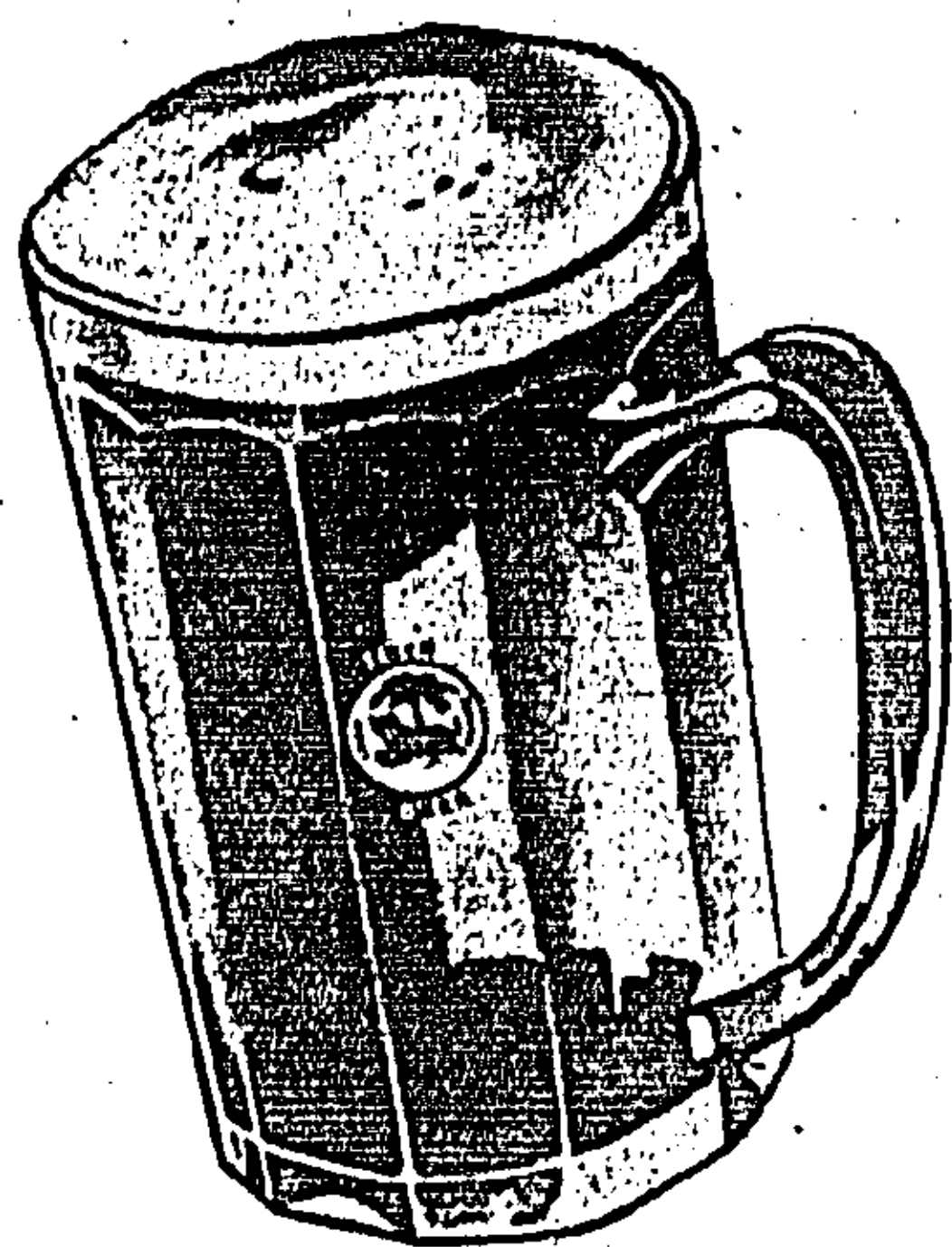
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War Songs

THE complaint has been made that the war songs which have come to the fore in the last few months are too trivial and undignified; some of them are further described as being forced and artificial.

The prime favourite of the last war was "Tipperary," the dignity of which might be hard to discover at first, yet it acquired in time a dignity of its own, and for many people an inexpressible pathos which made it little short of sacred.

Perhaps, therefore, we should be cautious in criticising the songs our soldiers are singing. They will certainly choose the melodies and words that please them best, without regard to the opinions of the critics. First place thus far seems to have been given to "Roll Out the Barrel." Not much dignity is to be discovered there! The song may even be a source of annoyance to musicians and of acute distress to temperance campaigners. But surely the first 100,000—or 200,000—cannot be wrong?

When the soldiers show a distinct preference for this musical exhortation, the mere civilian can only comment, "So let it be!" In any case, whatever the soldiers' choice in songs for this second affair with the Germans, it is surely preferable that their vocalism should prove a disinclination to take themselves or the dangers of their job too seriously, rather than that they should give themselves over to dull, humourless chanting about the "Fatherland," which is all the marching music in which Nazi legions are permitted to indulge?

Had Nazism been capable of singing "Roll Out the Barrel,"

Strategy
of
Siegfried

IT would be a mistake at this stage of the war to underestimate the strength of the Siegfried Line. It is tremendously strong.

"Line" is a misleading word, and should not be used. The series of positions, and the "Siegfried-Stellung" is therefore the exact opposite of the rows of static trenches, with their communications to support and reserves, which those of us who served in the Great War remember on the Somme.

Siegfried tactics are quite simple.

First, you beguile your enemy into forward zones which are filled with minefields, pill-boxes and machine-gun nests.

Second, if he has managed to penetrate so far, you engage him in a forward battle zone.

Third, you harness him in a rearward battle zone.

Finally, if his reserves have not been completely used up by this time, you lure him into your counter-attack zone. It is on the last-named that the whole system is based.

Well-planned counter-attacks are difficult to withstand. A pause of exhaustion must follow, leaving the initiative in the hands of the defenders.

SO much for the strength of the Siegfried positions, but what of their weaknesses?

The system has certain disadvantages from the defenders' point of view. Pill-boxes, machine-gun nests, and concrete strong points must be manned by small garrisons which may become isolated.

They live under conditions of the utmost discomfort, they must go "over the top" every night to obtain their rations, they cannot be frequently relieved, and if the main lines of communication in the rear are threatened by heavy gunfire, whole areas of these positions can be starved out.

In many places on the Western Front the Siegfried positions are 15 to 20 miles in depth. They run from Switzerland to Belgium, through the Rhine flood area where the French watched with amusement in the spring while the Germans fought desperately to save their forts and casemates from disaster. How far, therefore, is this great zonal depth of value in defence?

It is obvious that to man even the forward zones against possible attack at any point must employ enormous numbers of men. The opposite is the case with regard to the French Maginot Line, where a large mobile army can be moved quickly behind it from one point to another.

The Siegfried positions have got to be retained. An army must keep its counter-attack troops in the places chosen for them, and there is then not much room for manoeuvre.

Provided your enemy does exactly what you expect him to do all is well; but if he does something different, as General Gamelin has done in the Saar Valley, the whole zonal system may be upset.

Napoleon said that the transition from the defensive to the offensive is one of the most delicate operations in war. He knew!

THIS war will test many theories. The power of defensive weapons has increased to such an extent that if one side or the other attacks positions in which the enemy is ready and prepared the result will be disastrous. If, on the other hand, manoeuvre is found once more to be possible, huge defensive areas, the work of years of careful planning, may become useless.

Possibly the assistance of air forces will be found to have made all the difference. Allied planes have flown over the Siegfried positions and photographed them from every angle; there is little about them which is unknown to the General Staffs.

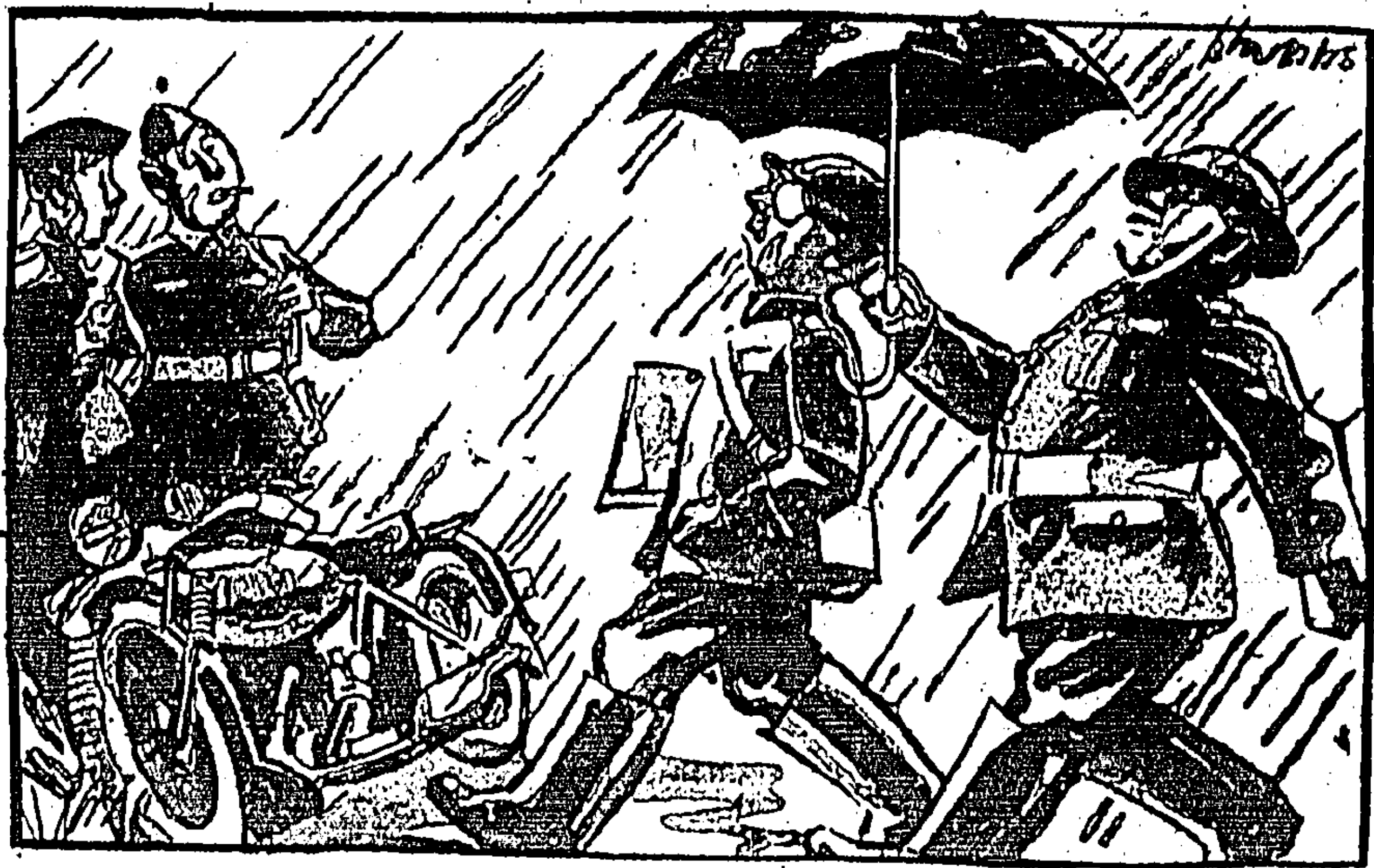
Allied planes can swoop down on the German counter-attack divisions and upset their concentrations on the roads by machine gunning and bombing.

Let us therefore discard our preconceived theories about German "lines" and "walls" of defence. The Siegfried "positions" are different. Although tremendously strong, they are by no means impregnable.

T. A. LOWE

or a German equivalent, there might have been no war. Who knows? The portentous gravity of the leaders of the Nazi creed, their utter lack of humour and their inability to laugh or smile, are sure symptoms of the politico-mental disease that is largely responsible for Europe's present travail.

SAPPER PHIPPS On Active Service



"He used to be a commissionaire. . . ."

He led the
Czechs to
Freedom

TO-DAY is the 90th anniversary of the birth of T. G. Masaryk, the first premier of the Czechoslovak Republic, who died in Sept., 1937.

It was he who led the Czechs in their revolt against the Hapsburgs and, who, as President of the Czechoslovak Republic, consolidated the state and made it the bulwark of liberalism and democracy in Central Europe.

His birthday will be observed in all parts of the world.

This anniversary will be observed with great enthusiasm and deep sincerity in those places where Czechs are free to give expression to their feelings, and in Czechoslovakia itself it will certainly not pass unobserved.

According to reports which have been received, the German Army of occupation and the Gestapo have received instructions to prevent a repetition of the outbreaks that occurred on October 28: Czechoslovak Independence Day.

It was as a result of these riots that more than 100 students were executed and a further 2,000, together with their professors, were conveyed to concentration camps.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA has now got its own government under President Benes, and its own army fighting under its own officers in France. In the United States and in Great Britain and France there are properly organised departments which carry on the affairs of the Czechoslovak government, but the headquarters of the National Council for the time being are in Chicago.

The spirit of Czechoslovakia lives on and is bound to emerge triumphant in the end, for the tradition is strong coming through such great men as Comenius and established once again firmly by Masaryk, that tall handsome hero who worked his way up against great odds, entered two universities, Leipzig and Vienna, became a professor in Prague University where he revived the true Czech spirit which he himself expressed so finely, and, finally, became the liberator of the Czechs and Slovaks and founder of the New Republic.

MASARYK in 1917 wandered from country to country rallying his forces. In Russia he collected into three divisions all those Czechs who found themselves in that country,



ordered them to make that historic journey right across

Siberia to Vladivostok where they embarked for Europe.

Masaryk received a warm welcome in Chicago when he visited that city in his journey back to Europe. The city has always been a strong Czech centre and therefore he received generous assistance.

The defeat of the Germans in 1918 paved the way for the independent state of Czechoslovakia which had been up till then merged into the Austro-Hungarian State. Masaryk had a difficult task for he had to steer between the reactionaries on the one side and the Communists on the other.

He was drawn into the orbit of the French and British democracies, because his whole training led him that way. Moreover, his wife was an American lady of Huguenot descent.

From 1918 to 1937 he slowly and methodically built up the state on liberal lines, as an outpost of the democracies in the heart of Europe. The trade of the country flourished and its productions reached every part of the world. Bata, Skoda and Pilsen were household words which showed how enterprising those people were.

THE annexation of Austria however in 1938 sealed the doom of Czechoslovakia, since it exposed its flank and soon its turn to be swallowed up came on the Ides of March, that fatal day of 1939.

It was the crowning treachery, this violation by Hitler of his pledge given to Mr. Chamberlain six months before at Munich, that really precipitated the present war, since it was clearly evident that the word of the Nazi leader could in no circumstances be trusted.

The inclusion of Czechoslovakia within the Austro-Hungarian Empire lasted as: PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

MAC'S BIG GAME

I HAD not seen Mac for many years when I ran across him by chance in Bahia. He had been an entertaining fellow at school, so I was quite pleased when he asked me to his house for lunch.

After a pleasant meal we sat in a cool room from which we could look down on the blue water of the Atlantic, drinking iced whiskey, and think that the tropics were not so bad after all.

After a time our talk turned to hunting, and Mac pointed to a fine big spotted skin which served as a rug on one corner of the polished floor.

"Do you see that skin?" said Mac. "That jaguar nearly got me before I got it."

He took another long drink of whiskey, sat back in his chair and told the story.

"It was in Matto Grosso," he went on. "I was spending the night in a small cabin and the door had no lock. I was all alone, but I did not feel there was any special danger, and when I lay down I had my rifle beside me. As an extra precaution I put my revolver under my pillow, and then fell fast asleep."

"I had been sleeping for a good time when I was awakened by a soft movement. I turned over on my side and looked towards the door. You can imagine how I felt when I saw a full grown jaguar standing in the moonlight."

"Little by little I reached out for my rifle. I had it ready and was just about to fire when the beast leapt. Before I had time to press the trigger the brute had leapt out and knocked the rifle from my hands."

"To my surprise it did not immediately attack me again but stood back, its tail lashing furiously. Then I remembered my revolver. I drew it quickly from beneath my pillow and cocked. Again, before I could fire the beast leapt, and again my firearm was smashed from my hand. The blow threw the revolver across the room, and in a second of time I realised I was lost. Almost at the same moment a shot rang out, and the jaguar fell to the ground."

"It was only after some minutes that I understood what had happened. The revolver had struck against the wall and gone off. The jaguar had literally shot himself."

"Mac looked at the spotted skin fondly and took another whiskey."

"That was some years ago. Last week I met a friend who is just home from India."

"Do you know whom I met out there?" he said. "Old Mac!" "Yes," said my friend from India. "And he's had some thrilling times, too. He had a narrow escape from a leopard not so long ago. He was sleeping alone in his bungalow when the beast came in. It attacked him, and during the struggle Mac's revolver went spinning across the room and struck the wall. The gun went off and the leopard fell dead. Shot through the heart!"

That spotted skin seems to be serving Mac very well. I do not know whether he intends going to Africa or not, but I think he should. You see, the spotted skin once covered an African leopard, and he might as well have the whole story.

Miller Watson

PALESTINE POLICY DENOUNCED

Heated Criticism In House Of Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—Mr. Noel Baker (Labour) to-day moved a vote of censure in the House of Commons on the Government's policy in Palestine.

He denounced the restrictions of land sales as "arbitrary, reactionary and unjust," and challenged the Colonial Secretary to prove that there were more Arabs without land now than there were in 1933.

Weak And Hunted Race
"To-day the Jews are a weak and hunted race because of the general holocaust," declared Mr. Baker, adding: "The civilised standards of their influence has gone so far that we dare to perform this shameful act to-day—to repudiate a moral contract with them while a great war is going on."

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Colonial Secretary, said that the Government's policy in Palestine was essential to the maintenance of good government in that country and to "enable us to mobilise our forces."

Unjust Discrimination
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—An Opposition vote of censure on the Government in connection with the issue of land regulations in Palestine was moved in the House of Commons to-day.

The motion expressed regret that, acting without the authority of the League Council, regulations controlling the transfer of land were issued which discriminated unjustly against one section of the inhabitants in Palestine.

Mr. Noel Baker, moving the resolution, recalled that the Opposition had held last May that the Secretary of State's White Paper of May 17 was inconsistent with the Palestine Mandate.

These land regulations, which the Opposition now oppose, were part of the policy of that White Paper.

They believed that these regulations damaged the interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The Secretary of State's latest White Paper did not say that Arabs were landless and dispossessed; at present, Jews only sought to buy surplus land.

Strong Safeguards
The existing safeguards against the landless Arab problem were pretty strong, and Mr. Baker declared that the Jews had not decreased the land available to the Arabs, but had notably increased it.

He contended that Jewish activities resulted in great benefit to the Arabs, and argued that Mr. MacDonald's proposed course was deliberately violating British obligations and striking a blow at the great principle for which we were at war.

Until Mr. MacDonald raised a storm a week ago by promulgating the new regulations, Palestine had been forgotten. He had examined the status of the Permanent Mandates Commission, and contended that unless it was accepted as a quasi-judicial body whose findings on questions of interpretation were accepted, the whole thing made no sense.

Mr. MacDonald's Reply
Mr. Baker said that 90 per cent. of Jewish eligibles in Palestine had volunteered to fight for the Allied cause.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald assured the House that if it had been possible to maintain a firm and healthy peace in Palestine by a policy of mastery himself, he would have shown nothing at all. He contended that the control of land sales had become an essential part of the obligations to carry out the mandate.

There were two complementary obligations of equal importance—one to the Jews and one to the Arabs.

A Palestine Ideal
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that the central fact of these 20 years was that under the powerful guidance and protection of Great Britain more than 35,000 Jews had found a happy settlement in their national home in Palestine.

What was wanted in Palestine, he said, was a development beneficial to the Jews which would enable them to continue, where possible, their close settlement of land and development which, at the same time, was beneficial to the Arabs, which confirmed or enhanced their economic security.

Mr. MacDonald denied that the land regulations were a concession to political pressure from the Arabs and added that if they were concerned with making concessions to Arab political claims they would have gone very much further than they had.

"Our whole problem in Palestine is to hold the scales evenly and fairly between the Jewish and Arab claims which is not an easy task but extremely difficult," he said.

After quoting from a report on the Peel Commission, Mr. MacDonald said that they were not introducing this measure as a result of political pressure from the Arabs but because of the great weight of evidence from impartial and authoritative opinion. Unless they did something like it in the near future, he said, they would be defeating the purpose of the mandate itself.

Situation Improves
He said that it was certainly true that the situation in Palestine, which twelve months ago was exceedingly grave and fraught with danger to this country and other people, had very greatly improved.

In fact, he continued, Palestine was enjoying a greater quietness than had been enjoyed for four years.

"Hitler," said Mr. MacDonald, "is not grateful. He had hoped that Palestine would be an ally of

Welles Still Fishing For Peace Formula

Visits To Paris, London And Then Rome

BERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles has definitely denied that he would call a conference in London of United States Ministers in Scandinavia.

Mr. Welles leaves for Paris to-night and plans to go to London at the beginning of next week, then return to Rome and see Signor Mussolini. He will spend a day in Paris en route between London and Rome.

"Silent As A Carp"
Mr. Welles told reporters that he would remain as "silent as a carp" about his conversations. He would communicate no official information he had received to any other European Government.

It is considered significant that Mr. Welles did not deny the report that he had invited Dr. Schmidt, the former German Finance Minister, to visit America.

His. He has been profoundly disappointed.

Mr. MacDonald said he did not seek to deny the great effect that the outbreak of war had had in bringing about greater pacification in Palestine.

It had made a deep impression. The Arabs had recognised that Nazi domination in Europe would be a great threat to their prospects of freedom and the freedom of the Arab kingdom in the rest of Arabia.

Abated Hostility
They had abated their hostility and expressed their complete friendship with us and had offered their help which we were accepting in many ways.

At the outbreak of the war, he said, the Jewish leaders also declared that a larger issue had been raised. Without qualifying their hostility towards the White Paper, they offered unconditionally their support to Great Britain.

The Jews in Palestine had offered their practical support to our war effort which we were accepting to a maximum practical extent.

"I should like on behalf of the British Government to express our thanks to both the Jewish and Arab communities for their loyal friendship and support in our war against the common enemy, Nazi Germany," he continued.

Essential To Harmony
He contended that if they had not introduced these land regulations in the comparative harmony which had been established before long and have been disturbed before long and these land regulations were essential if ever a long period this harmony was to be maintained.

Referring to the troops which had already been withdrawn from Palestine between the publication of the White Paper and the outbreak of war, Mr. MacDonald said that the question of withdrawing troops from Palestine was to-day far more important than it was ten months ago.

Real Material For Agitators
Dealing with the question of landless Arabs, Mr. MacDonald said that they were the raw material for the anti-Jewish agitators, and when it came to trouble them were the levies who were recruited into the Arab bandit bands.

They could not take the risk at the present time of allowing the problem to grow from strength to strength.

They had had the most strenuous warning from Palestine in a recent week that despite the appearance in Palestine, there was beneath the surface a growing unrest among the Arabs, a growing suspicion that the British Government was not sincere in their professions that they would protect the interests of the Arab, and that labour and agriculture had become more critical and hostile to the mandatory power.

Danger Of Trouble
Mr. MacDonald maintained that if they now destroyed confidence in British promises, the whole mood of the Arab population in Palestine might well change. They might find that the troops in Palestine who were just completing work of restoring order and had to remain in Palestine and start all over again that painful work, and they might even find that the troops recently taken away would have to come back to lend a hand.

If there were trouble in Palestine, there would be repercussions in Trans-Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and India.

Mr. MacDonald added that if there had been recrudescence of trouble in Palestine, the House and the League itself would have to come to the conclusion that we had made an error of judgment and had neglected our duty to maintain peace, order and progress in Palestine. (Cheers).

National Home Established
Mr. MacDonald concluded that under the benevolence and powerful protection of Great Britain, a Jewish National Home had been established in Palestine.

It will play there. It will grow there and it will prosper there.

The Arabs had equal rights to the rights of the Jews. We were going to protect those rights as well as we protect the rights of the Jews.

If these rights of the Arabs are ignored, the Jewish National Home will not prosper in Palestine.

There can only be peace and progress in Palestine on a basis of mutual recognition of the rights of the two communities inhabiting the country.

Mr. MacDonald received a prolonged ovation from the Ministerial benches.

Betrayal Of The Jews
Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, following Mr. Noel Baker, declared that his proposals represented a betrayal of the Jews and asserted that the Government gave a pledge that the Council

FAMOUS STAGE STAR DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANNES, Mar. 7 (UP).—The death occurred at her chateau here last night of Maxine Elliott, one of America's greatest and most beautiful actresses. She celebrated her 69th birthday only a fortnight ago.

She is survived by her sister, Madge Elliott.

Death occurred after a long illness.

The late Maxine Elliott was born Jessie Dermot, in Rockland, Maine. Her stage name was suggested by the great Dion Boucicault.

Her friends were legion, and included King Edward VII before the Great War, and the Duke of Windsor, Mr. Winston Churchill, Captain Anthony Eden and Mr. Somerset Maugham at the time of her death.

Her chateau at Cannes, which was once saved from destruction by fire by the British Navy, was known as the "House of Lords" because of the remarkable number of celebrated people who were often guests.

During the Great War Maxine Elliott left the stage in order to operate her own ambulance unit in Belgium. She stayed there until long after the German occupation.

EXAMINING U.S. MAIL

Mr. Butler Justifies British Action

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. George Strauss asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day whether in view of the great indignation in the United States over the search of the Pan-American Clipper in the Bermudas on January 13, he could make a statement on the matter.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that under International Law a belligerent country was at liberty to examine any mail, whether neutral or belligerent, which was brought voluntarily within its jurisdiction.

The Government had decided to exercise this right at Bermuda on January 13 in respect to east-bound mails carried by the Pan-American Atlantic Service.

Serious Blunder?
Mr. Strauss asked if it was a fact that as a result of the British Government's action there had been great indignation felt by the American public and that the service now no longer stops at Bermuda.

In view of those facts, he asked whether the action of the British Government was not a serious blunder.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that he did not accept that at all. The Government's action was correct and, moreover, was justified by what was discovered in the mail.

Asked whether it was possible to consider some sort of arrangement that would satisfy the need of the British Government and a large section of American opinion, Mr. Butler replied that it was always their desire to find some sort of settlement which would be agreeable to both nations.

LONDON EXPLOSION
London, Mar. 6.

Hundreds of people were awakened this morning by the explosion of a bomb which shattered all the windows of a bank at Hotel Park Lane.

No one was hurt.

The bomb is believed to be the work of Irish Republican Army men.

—Reuter Bulletin.

of the League would be consulted, and that if the Council was of the opinion that the White Paper was inconsistent with the mandate, the Government would consult Parliament before attempting to put the White Paper into operation.

Mr. MacDonald intervened to say that the pledge was that Government would take the White Paper, which was already operating, to the Council of the League, and if the Council took a decision involving alteration of the policy or suggested an alteration of the mandate, the Government would not take a decision on that issue without discussion in Parliament.

Sir Archibald contended that if the Council was not going to be invited to meet and the Government were to proceed with the policy despite the Mandate Commission's advice that the policy was inconsistent with the mandate, this was not fulfilment of the pledge.

Tory Criticisms
Capt. V. A. Cazalet, the Conservative Member, declared that the regulations would frustrate the only real hope of permanent co-operation between the Jew and the Arab.

On the other hand, the Labourite, Mr. R. E. Stokes, who recently returned from a visit to Palestine and the Near East, supported the Government and said that from Cairo to Baghdad all statesmen, native Prime Ministers, High Commissioners and Ambassadors had heaved a sigh of relief that the present measure had been taken.

The Independent Member, Mr. Lipson, who is a Jewish member, thought that the Government proposals were regrettable, but asked what would happen to the Jewish National Home if Hitler won.

Sacrifices must be made to win the war and he believed that the Jews were willing to make the sacrifice.

Criticism Of New Tin Agreement

Malaya Protests Voiced In The Commons

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Replying to Mr. H. F. S. Stokes in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. MacDonald said he was aware that certain tin producers in Malaya were opposed to the International Tin Agreement and measures taken under it, but he believed that their views were contrary to those of the great majority of producers in Malaya.

In a supplementary question, Mr. Stokes asked if Mr. MacDonald was aware that the restriction of "eighty per cent." had taken effect and that a considerable quantity of tin had to be purchased from foreign sources, and that there was concern in the trade about this matter.

Admits Criticisms
Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was aware there were criticisms concerning the decision taken, but all were relevant to the consideration taken into account by the International Tin Committee.

He said he was satisfied that their decision was welcomed by a great majority of producers.

Replying to Mr. W. Thorne, Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was certain that there were a shortage of tin in Great Britain he would receive representations from his colleagues.

ITALIAN STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION

FROM PAGE ONE

ties and the outcome of diplomatic exchanges.

It has been learned from reliable sources that the British reply to Italy will reject the protest in effect because the Italian protest challenged the principles upon which the economic blockade is being conducted.

Conciliatory Reply
However, the British reply will be in a conciliatory tone and will be despatched in a few days.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare has pointed out that the coal blockade is not discriminating against Italy since they have refused exemptions for German goods destined to nineteen countries in the past three weeks.

On March 5 alone, twenty-one neutral ships arrived at contraband control bases in the British Isles, the Ministry points out.

Britain feels she cannot make an exception of Italy without according similar treatment to the United States and Japan, both of whom have protested against the coal ban.

Later reports state that the Loassa is proceeding to Italy and that the coal aboard the other eight ships will be unloaded.

Clearance of the ships will be expedited by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Evading The Blockade
LUCERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Train-loads of German coal are passing daily over Simplon and the St. Gotthard routes bound for Italy.

Return trains are loaded mainly with Italian agricultural products.

The traffic has become so great that Swiss railways have had to bring reserve locomotives into service and to engage extra staff.

Two More Ships Held
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that two more Italian ships arrived at a British contraband control base to-day.

STAND TO! WARNING TO B.E.F. ADVANCE FORCES
FROM PAGE ONE

Germany carried out night flying over Alsace and East France.

British Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The War Office announces: "A raid was carried out on March 5 on a British post in the Maginot sector under cover of a barrage of mortar and machine-gun fire at dawn. The enemy entered a post held by part of a platoon of infantry where they killed a Sergeant Major."

The Germans left one dead and several of our men are missing."

Nazi Internees In Hongkong
Rumours were current in town this morning that the German internees in La Salle College Camp were being sent to Australia for internment there and that their wives had been given the option of either staying on in Hongkong or accompanying their husbands, in which case they would also be interned in Australia.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, denied any knowledge of the report.

Soviet-Rumanian Pact Rumour
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The report that M. Molotov is en route to Bucharest for the purpose of signing a non-aggression pact with Rumania is doubted by Rumanian sources.

They point out that the two nations signed such a pact in London during July, 1935.

SUBMARINE RAMMED

Skillful Manoeuvre Saves Seventeen Lives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELDER, Mar. 6 (UP).

—It is reported that the Dutch submarine, O-11 sunk to-day two minutes after being rammed amidships by a Dutch naval tug.

Twenty minutes later the crew brought the submarine back to the surface where tugs were made fast to the conning tower which was opened, and seventeen men were rescued before the submarine again sank.

Two men were drowned.

Three Still Trapped
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three members of the crew are still trapped in the Dutch submarine which was sunk following a collision.

To-night divers and other rescuers were working desperately to reach the men who may still be alive for more than 24 hours.

Three special tugs raced up the coast from Amsterdam this afternoon to assist in lifting the hull of the submarine, releasing the trapped sailors.

There were about 30 men aboard at the time of the disaster.

Tugs worked all day trying to get the submarine's nose out of the mud, but at nightfall they still had not succeeded.

This is the first accident in Holland's 30 years of submarine history.

That Tientsin Silver

Problem Still Bothers British Govt.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Asked what the present position is as regards the stocks of Chinese silver lying in the British Concession in Tientsin, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) in the House of Commons to-day said that the position remained unchanged.

He added that there had been conversations from time to time between the interested parties with the object of finding a solution which would prove acceptable to all of them.

Under Neutral Supervision
Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether in the negotiations now proceeding it was quite clear that the silver would not be given up without the consent of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Butler repeated that their object was to find a solution that would prove acceptable to all parties concerned and, of course, the Chinese Government was a very important party.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander asked if there was any truth in the suggestion that it was proposed to place the silver under an Anglo-Japanese trusteeship.

Mr. Butler replied that there might be a question of placing the silver under neutral supervision, but not in the way suggested by Mr. Mander.

YANGTSE RE-OPENING
Foreign Office Spokesman Corrects Misunderstanding

Tokyo, Mar. 6.
Mr. Suma, Foreign Office spokesman, said to-day that a misunderstanding had arisen as a result of a mis-interpretation of Gen. Hata's remarks on the Yangtze re-opening in the Diet on Monday. Mr. Suma said preparations were being pushed for the re-opening as far as Nanking.

The spokesman declared that Gen. Hata pointed out that vessels acting against the interests of the new order would be deprived of the advantages of the re-opening. However, this did not imply that the river would not be opened.—United Press.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

REVIEW OF INTERPORT TRIAL Right Wing Combination And Wing Halves Are Still A Problem

IN AN INTERPORT TRIAL held on the Club ground, King's Park, last Sunday, Colours and White drew 2-2, after positional changes were made in both attacks after the interval. In the first half, the White who looked to be the Probables, led by a goal scored by Partaub Singh. The Colours, however, gave their rivals quite as much as they received.

The display on the whole was moderately good, and if one took form in this trial as a guide, it would appear that the Selectors have still a problem to solve with the Colony right wing combination and wing halves.

Benwell, in goal for the Colours, got through a lot of useful work, and with the exception of the only blunder he made, which resulted in a goal—the ball was cleared to an opponent instead of into touch—his display on the whole was superior to Souza's. The latter, though sound in his clearances, was always slow to advance.

The Whites' backs, V. Bond and Datta Ram, formed a better combination to that of J. Goncalves and R. J. Reed, though the last named gave a very sound exhibition.

There was little to choose between the halves, except that W. A. Reed, Whites' central half, and T. A. Reed, Colours' left-half, were the pick of their lines.

Among the forwards, the Whites' left wing combination of Narain and Partaub Singh was the highlight of both attacks; they showed plenty of dash and shooting power.

IN the second half, young Lockhart was seen in goal in place of Benwell. R. Marquis, relieved Krishna Singh, at right half, who injured his thumb, and the Colours' attack consisted of Shah Wali, Pritam Nath, G. H. Fowler, E. Fowler and J. Soares. Whites' attack was S. A. Fowler, Gennell, Homburg, Narain and Partaub Singh.

Within ten minutes, Soares, in a solo effort on the left wing, beat Hook and later Bond, to equalise for the Colours. Souza was slow in advancing, and was well beaten. Colours soon after took the lead through E. Fowler, who scored from a pass off Pritam Nath. 2-1.

Lockhart and Souza, exchanged places in goal, and the latter, though saving some certainties, was again beaten by Homburg, through an error by Goncalves and R. J. Reed, the backs, and the Whites drew level 2-2.

In this half the Whites' forwards were more impressive, and S. A. Fowler, in particular, on the right wing, was seen to advance, his wing-half, Hook was also well in the picture.

Homburg as a leader was not constructive, though he is a flyer, and can really be good at times. The Fowler brothers, George and Ernie, were quite useful in the Colours' attack, and Pritam Nath was apt to start the speedy Shah Wali on his right.

SPORTS ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order: **O. D. BROWN**, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

Association Council Meeting To-day

A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Church Hall. Final arrangements for the Interport with Macao are to be made, and a full attendance of members is requested.

Caer Clark Cup

ST. ANDREW'S ARE AGAIN RUNNERS-UP

BY DEFEATING RECREIO Ladies 7-0 last Saturday, St. Andrew's completed their Caer Clark Cup League fixtures for the season, and are now runners-up. Goal scorers were Mrs. Bliss 3, Miss H. Reid 3 and Miss F. Wong 1.

The win was exhilarating rather than brilliant, and was a fitting reward to risk and enterprising work on the part of all the members of the team. Though Recreio, playing with only ten men, had more of the play than the score would suggest, it was only rarely that they troubled Miss J. Hall in goal.

On the other hand, Saints made full use of opportunities, and at least three of the shots that produced goals would have beaten any goalkeeper.

In the second half, the Recreio defence of Mrs. L. Silva, Miss O. Botelho and Mrs. M. Silva put up strong resistance when they were completely hemmed in their own circle. It would have been a different tale had the Saints been in the same form two weeks ago!

ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT TABLE

The following is the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament Table 1939-40:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Radio Sports & P.S.C.	7	0	1	—	23	11 12
C.B.A.	6	5	—	1	32	5 11
R. Engineers	8	4	1	3	18	12 11
Nomads	7	3	3	1	14	10 7
Recreio	8	3	4	1	5	12 6
Police	5	2	2	1	6	5 5
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	3	14 3
University	4	1	3	—	5	11 2
Royal Signals	6	—	5	1	4	20 1
R.A.O.C.	2	—	2	—	1	6 —

LEADING GOAL-SCORERS

Sgt. Homburg (R.E.)	13
S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.)	11
G. Singh (Radio)	8

Classification Of Ponies

Ponies of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be classified on Monday, March 11, provided application in writing is made before 5 p.m. by the owner or his authorized agent, stating the name of the ponies for which classification is desired. China ponies will be divided into "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" classes, and Australian ponies into "A", "B", "C" and "D" classes.

Grand National Call-over

The Grand National call-over prices to-day were:
Professor II 100-8 offered, 100-7 taken, Symaethis 100-7 o., Bogskar and Royal Mail 100-6 o., Red Prince 45-1 o. after 33-1 t.—Reuter.

COLONY PROBABLES

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS have been nominated to represent the Colony's Probables against the Rajputana Rifles to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. on the Navy ground:
Goal: V. M. Benwell (Club) and T. Lockhart (C.B.A.).
Backs: V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles).
Halves: G. W. Hook (R.A.), W. A. Reed (Club), and N. B. Whitley (C.B.A.).
Forwards: S. A. Fowler (Club), Pritam Nath (Raj.), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.), Narain Singh and Partaub (Kumaon).
The above team does not constitute the final selection, and a few changes are to be made if necessary.

Tournament Tennis

HUNG AND FINCHER WIN DOUBLES MATCH

(By "Tinker")

ONLY THREE of the seven scheduled matches in the Colony lawn tennis championships were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. Four walk-overs were given by Chinese players in the singles, and in the only doubles encounter, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat A. Chan and J. Hsu by 6-3, 6-3.

Play was not very spirited, nor was hitting very hard. Fincher and Hung triumphed through experience over their opponents, Chan and Hsu, a "B" Division pair who play for South China. The latter put up a tolerably good show, and had the more vim in overhead shots, but were very much out-generated in ground strokes.

Fincher's steady forehead was continually placing the ball into the far corner on his opponents' backhand, while Hung was particularly enterprising with delicately placed cross-court drop shots and successful lobs. The one worked openings for the other.

The Colony has not yet been afforded the opportunity of seeing O. Umetani, ranking Japanese player, in action. He was one of the four players yesterday who were given walk-overs.

The scores were:
OPEN SINGLES
Pang Oi-lam beat Lee Hua-kek 6-4, 6-2.
Marsland Ma beat E. Zukuf 6-0, 6-2.
O. Umetani received walk-over from Ben Louie.
T. A. Pearce received walk-over from Wong Hok-nang.
S. A. Hussain received walk-over from Chan Kwong-lu.
O. Rumjahn received walk-over from Kwok Hing-chung.

OPEN DOUBLES
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat A. Chan and J. Hsu 6-3, 6-3.

To-Day's Programme

The following are the matches down for to-day:

OPEN SINGLES
Tennis Kwok v. I. M. A. Raznek.
I. Agaturff v. Tsui Wai-pui.
H. D. Rumjahn v. Pirdos Khan.
S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay.

OPEN DOUBLES
J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsol Ping-fan.

CLUB SINGLES
S. M. Garrard v. T. A. Pearce.
J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Belsel, Jr.
C. H. R. Hyde v. T. J. Gould.

St. Teresa's Defeat Kowloon Tong

Playing at St. Teresa's Club yesterday, the home team, defeated Kowloon Tong in the "B" Division of the Badminton League by 5 sets to 4.

The scores were:
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's) beat R. E. Lee and A. Chan 21-10; beat J. Tang and A. E. H. Castro 21-2; lost to N.A.E. Mackay and B.P.C. Fletcher 9-21.
Austin Ho and J. Lum (St. Teresa's) beat Lee and Chan 21-10; beat Tang and Castro 21-0; lost to Mackay and Fletcher 14-21.
J. A. Chan and F. Chong (St. Teresa's) lost to Lee and Chan 13-21; beat Tang and Castro 21-17; lost to Mackay and Fletcher 6-21.

FRANK CRITICISMS

Placing Players In Unaccustomed Positions

I NOW DEAL with a trial playing anomaly which, I fear, is becoming too common. I deplore the method of selectors placing players for important games in positions to which they are not accustomed.

CAMBRIDGE WIN ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Cambridge beat Oxford by 77 points to 40 in the Annual Inter-Varsity Athletic Meet to-day. The Light Blues won eight events and the Dark Blues five.

No blues have been awarded by Cambridge.

Cricket

R. Engineers Trounce R.A.O.C.

Sergeant Shipp Scores 131 Not Out

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps were no match for the Royal Engineers in the first round of the Small Units knock-out cricket tournament yesterday. In reply to the Sappers' total of 236, the R.A.O.C. could only total 40.

Sergeant Shipp had a merry innings of 131 not out, which included 20 boundaries. Major Parsons and Sgt. Denyer were the best of the bowlers, taking 4 for 3, and 3 for 1 respectively.

The Engineers will now meet a nominated Company from the Middlesex Regiment in the second round. The scores were:

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Sgt. Bailey, c Logan b Moore	2
Sgt. Pelham, c Logan b Clarke	14
Sgt. Meeson, c Morgan b Logan	20
Capt. Freeman, b Clarke	14
Sgt. Denyer, b Clarke	121
Sgt. Shipp, not out	131
Major Parsons, lbw, b Young	9
Sgt. Carpenter, lbw, b Clarke	9
Sgt. Pike, b Morgan	3
Sgt. Cox, b Moore	2
Sgt. Green, b Moore	0
Extras (W2, B15, LB3)	20
Total	236

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Moore	6	0	31	2
Logan	4	0	22	1
Clarke	7	1	35	4
Smart	1	0	15	0
Geor	3	0	17	0
Benford	3	0	35	0
Morgan	2	0	25	1

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Logan, c Bailey, b Shipp	5
Young, c Goss, b Parsons	7
Benford, run out	14
Capt. H.W. b Denyer	8
Gover, b Parsons	0
Clarke, st. Bailey, b Parsons	1
Sgt. Denyer, not out	2
Smart, not out	0
Moore, retired	0
Sgt. Cox, b Parsons	0
Matthewson, b Parsons	0
Extras (B4)	4
Total	40

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Meeson	4	0	9	0
Shipp	6	0	25	1
Parsons	2	1	3	4
Denyer	1	0	1	1

220 Yards Low Hurdles Record Broken

THE LONG STANDING RECORD for the 220 yards low hurdles was broken at Pokfulam yesterday during the third day's events of the University's annual athletic meet. T. T. Chin (Eliot Hall) clipped 0.6 seconds off the old figure of 28.3, established in 1931 by Lee Ha-leong (now Dr.), and set the new figure of 27.7 seconds. K. M. Au (Morrison Hall), last year's winner, was second, and equalled the old figures.

Other finals were in the Discus Throw, Pole Vault and Half Mile. Heats were held for the High Jump.

The results were:
220 yards low hurdles—T. T. Chin (Eliot) 27.7 (Record); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); H. T. Tang (St. John's). Time 27.7 (Record).
Discus Throw—Schiller (Lugard); M. Schiller (Lugard); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); P. Lam (Morrison). Distance 97 ft. 4 in.
Pole Vault—Schiller (Lugard); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); P. Lam (Morrison); P. Lam (Morrison). Height 9 ft. 6 in.
Half Mile—W. W. Abraham (Lugard); Sohan Singh (Lugard); T. S. Wong (St. John's); K. K. Tan (Eliot). Time 2. 3/5 sec.
High Jump heats—K. M. Au (Morrison); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); K. S. Kan (Morrison); K. C. Kwong (Eliot); C. Y. Ip (St. John's).

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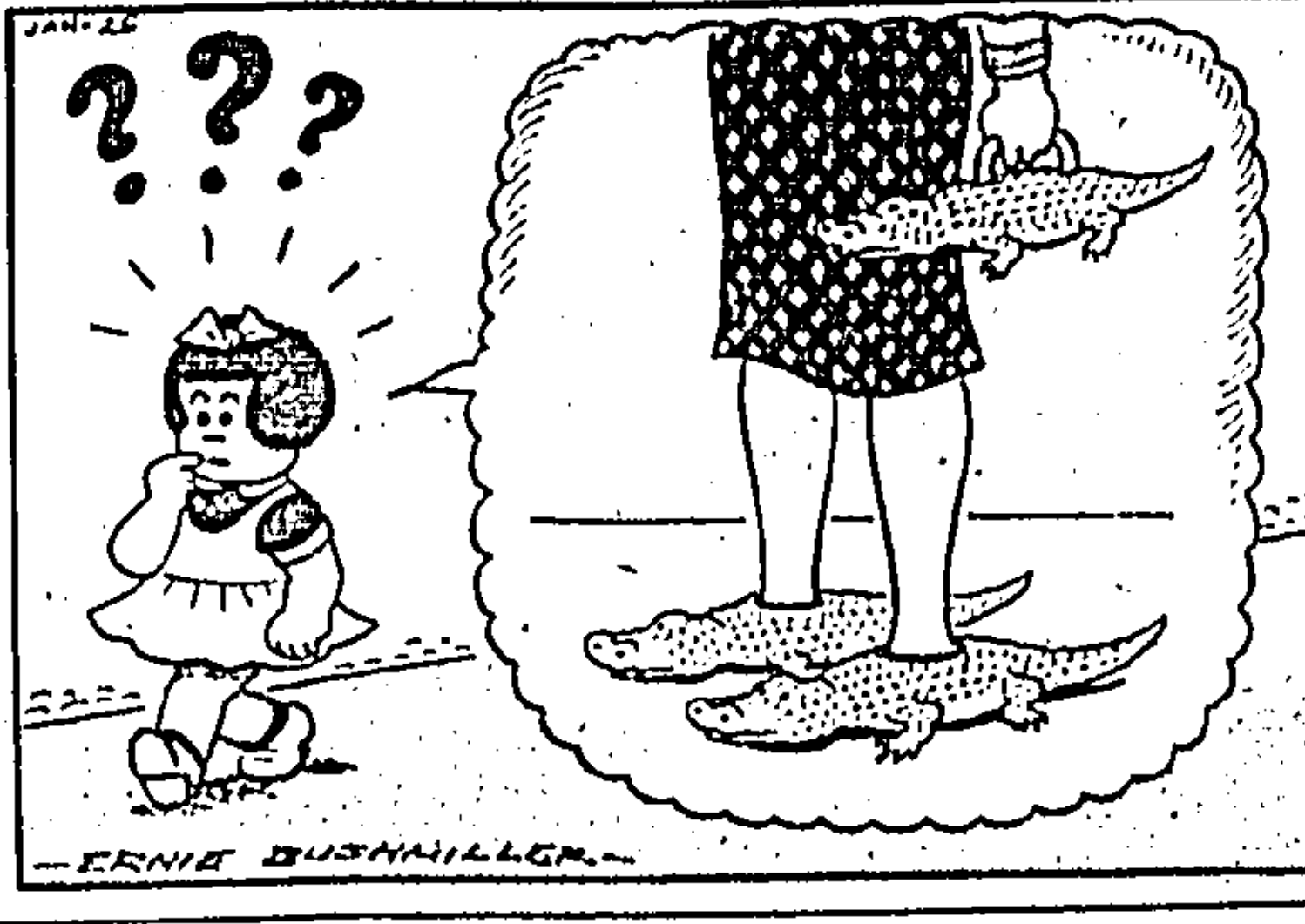
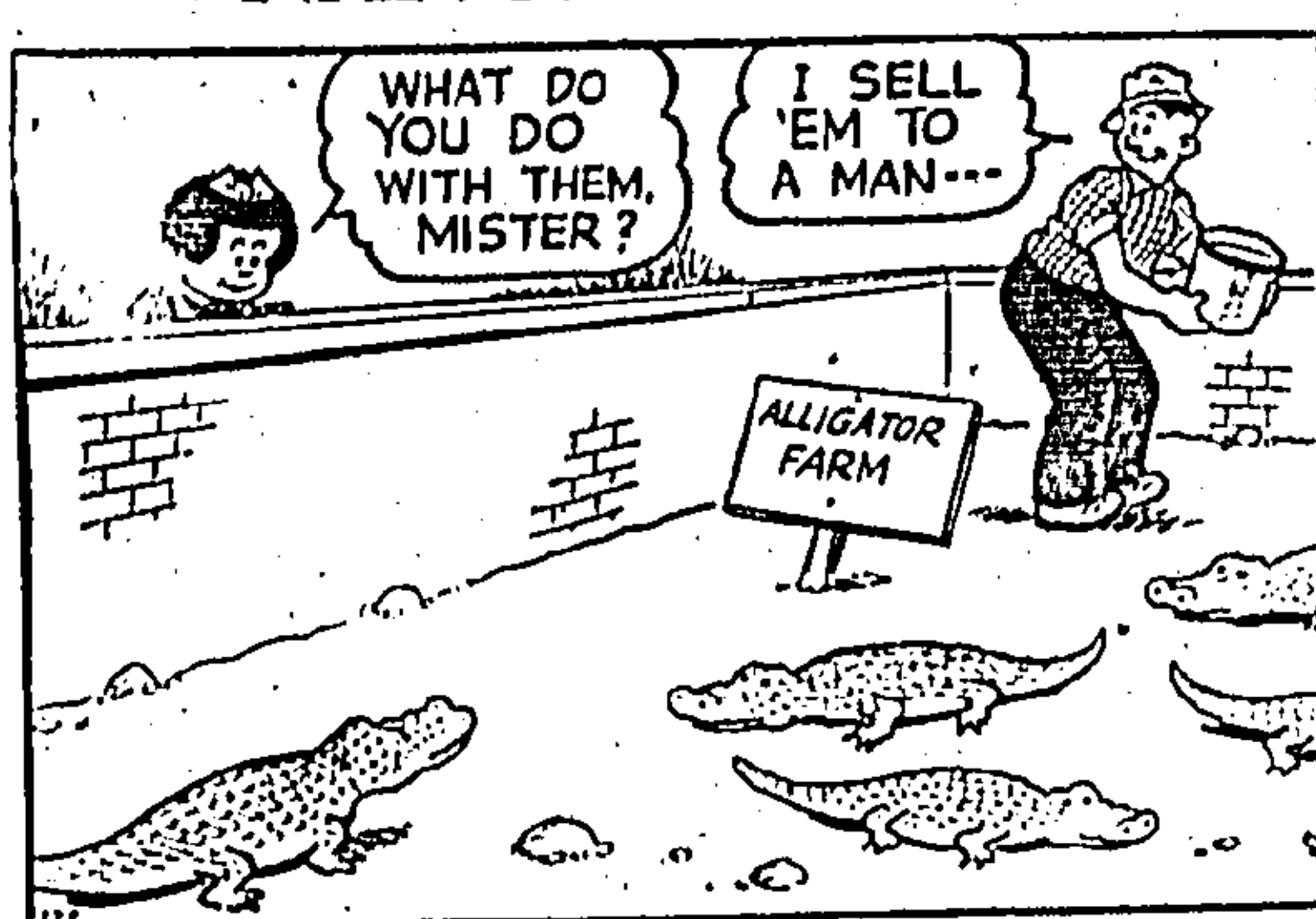
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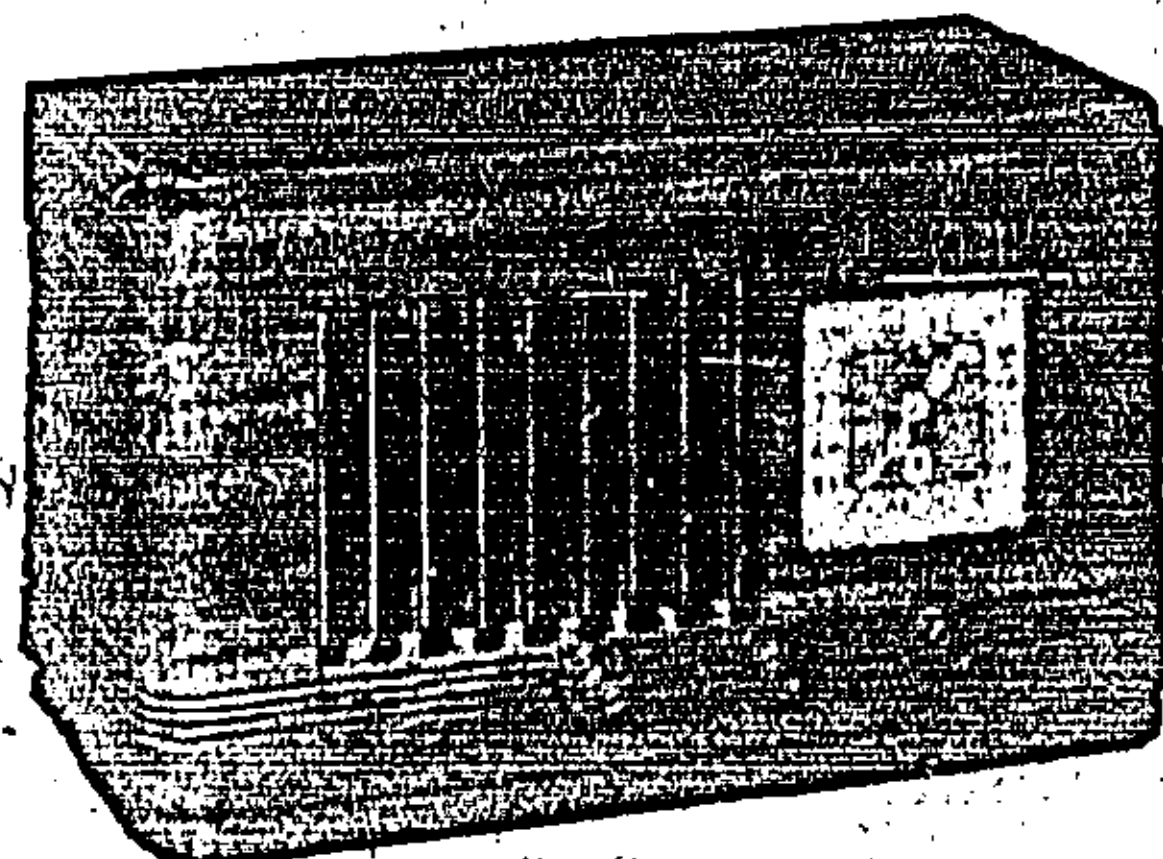
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British Government & Chungking Talks

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Willfrid Roberts asked whether the Prime Minister could now make a statement concerning the recent discussions between General Chiang Kai-shek and the representative of the British Government at Chungking. Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Ambassador in China had been at Chungking since January 4 and during his stay he had, as usual, maintained close contact with the Chinese Government on a large number of matters of common interest to the two governments.

ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question, said that Viscount Halifax was aware that anti-British propaganda continued in parts of North China. He repeated that representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the failure of the local authorities to suppress such manifestations. The Government, he said, was pursuing the matter.

HE LED THE CZECHS TO FREEDOM

(Continued from Page 6.)

long as it did because the rule was mild, but the present tyranny is such that General Blaskowitz, in his report to Berlin, said it would take 16 million German soldiers and policemen to control the eight million Czechs whose resistance was really determined and unrelenting.

It was hard for the Austrians to lead the Czechs, but it is quite impossible for the Germans to drive them. Every act of oppression merely intensifies this spirit of resistance and defiance. It is a struggle that is carried on almost in a light-hearted manner for the people are of the kind who meet death with a smile on their lips.

Recently, when the Germans forbade the use of lights in the cemeteries on All Saints Day, the Czechs performed the rites in darkness, but next morning on many of the tombs, chalked in large letters were the words: "CZECHS ARISE! MAKE ROOM FOR THE GERMANS." Then the Germans have cut down many of the trees in and about Brno. The whispered explanation—and nothing is so effective as these whispering campaigns—is that this is done purposely so that the Czechs will not have any place on which to hang the members of the Gestapo when the day comes.

These grim stories, however, are but the play of the tremendous struggle that is going on inside the country and outside wherever Slovaks and Czechs are to be found. It is the sort of struggle that can never cease till the final goal of independence is won for this at least is due to the memory of that great, courageous, large-hearted, and far-seeing patriot and leader, Masaryk, the liberator, who was born ninety years ago, and, who, though dead, lives on in the hearts of his people.

Throttling Trade

How Britain Suffers In North China

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Sir John Wardlaw Milne, in the House of Commons to-day, asked whether the Prime Minister had received any recent report on British export trade to those parts of China in Japanese occupation, and if he were aware that only such goods as cannot be supplied by Japanese industry are allowed to enter Northern and Central China regions.

Admits Position

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative and added that these reports indicated a decline in the United Kingdom exports to China since 1937.

To what extent these exports consisted of such goods as could not be supplied by Japanese industry did not appear. A further report on this point, he said, was being called for.

He repeated that representations, however, had been made to the Japanese Government regarding the restrictions imposed by the Japanese authorities on trade with the third Powers generally in North and Central China.



CLUB BEAT R. SCOTS 14-3

Army Defence Unable To Hold Lively Three-Quarters

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB HAD THE BETTER of things behind the scrums in their match against the Royal Scots yesterday evening, and won by 14 points (a goal and 3 tries) to 3 (a try).

The Army team fielded two Navy players in Carter and Paul, but even the Regimental back division strengthened by the inclusion of these two strong backs were unable to cope with the lively Club backs, who were playing behind forwards who gained possession in the majority of the set scrums.

Taylor, at full back for the Club, made the mistake of keeping the ball in play instead of kicking into touch. Waldeen and Wilson were forceful wing-three's, but the latter's high tackling landed him in trouble in the second half when he had to leave the field with a damaged thigh.

Day was in sprightly form behind the scrum, using his swerves and speed to great effect. D. Hynes kicked touch usefully to save his forwards in defence, although he lacked speed to carry him, through when an opening was made. Thomson gave good service at the base of the scrum, and played well in the open.

Castleton hooked well for Club, with Macrae doing what little Club did in the lineouts. B. Hynes, Waldeen and Redman were other Club forwards to do well in a puck which pushed hard in the set scrums.

UNCOMFORTABLE

PINKERTON and Cuthbertson were not comfortable in the Scots' three line, Paul could not settle down, and kept the ball swinging rather than try to get through on his own. Millar ruled the lineouts, and this was the only real source from which the Scots got the ball back repeatedly. Coombe pulled a cartilage near his ankle in a tackle of Taylor, and although he carried on he had to leave the field eventually.

Day scored Club's first try. This was followed by one by Thomson early in the second half. Macrae failed with both kicks. Day then went over for his second unconverted try.

Cuthbertson went over for a try following good passing by the Scots three. Paul failed to convert, the ball being badly placed by the scrum half.

Morgan added to Club's score with a good try which Castleton converted.

St. Joseph's College Win By 8 Wickets

In a friendly cricket match yesterday at the I.R.C. ground, St. Joseph's College beat Ellis Kadoorie Indian School by eight wickets, thanks to splendid bowling by L. Mendonca, who took six wickets for six runs.

Ellis Kadoorie I. S.—44 (H.K. Abraham 9, Harbans Singh 9, Kartar Singh 5, Nazir Ahmed 4, V. Mendonca 6-6, K. Singh 3-12). St. Joseph's—102 for six wickets. Ho 26, P. R. 27, R. Silva 12, F. Holland 10, V. Mendonca 8, S. H. Khan 5.

2nd XI v. R.A.F. League (Home)—B. R. France (Capt.), M. Broadbridge, A. B. Hanson, A. Hunt, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Luck, A. M. Omar, U. M. Omar, W. W. Way, L. Young, Saye, Umpire—W. MacNeill, Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

SWEDISH BAN ON COMMUNISTS

New Bill To Be Brought Before Parliament

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Swedish Minister of Justice to-day informed the Riksdag that he would introduce a bill banning Communists from the Swedish Parliament.

In the meantime, the Government has asked Parliament for an added 63,000,000 crowns of which 54,000,000 will be used to modernise and repair the Swedish fleet.

Boxing

"A" COY. WIN ROYAL SCOTS TOURNAMENT

THE INTER-COMPANY boxing championship of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Scots, was won by "A" Company at Murray Barracks last night, when "C" Company, champions for the past three years, were forced to release grip on the trophy by 25 points to 20.

Award to the best loser was given to Pte. Mackay for his gallant front when opposed to Pte. Henderson ("A" Coy.) in the welterweight. Mackay absorbed punishment like a sponge, and though uncertain of his feet after a gruelling first round, warding off the attentions of Henderson for the second round, and most amazingly in the last round strove to inflict the name on his opponent.

The finest fight of the evening, however, was the last bout between Pte. Callahan ("A" Coy.) and Cpl. Ritchie, welterweights. It was a whirlwind fight from the start to finish. Each nearly knocked out the other. They are boxers of no mean calibre, and their display was an excellent conclusion to a fine programme.

Major S. E. H. E. White, M.C., gave away the prizes.

The results were:
Pte. Scott, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Brett on a knock-out in the 2nd round.
Pte. Riley, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Ross on points.
Pte. Ritchie, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Wallace on a l.k.o. in the 2nd round.

Pte. Cavanagh, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Dunlop on a knock-out in the 1st round.
Pte. Manson, "C" Coy., beat Pte. O'Neil on points.
Pte. Henderson, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Mackay on points.

L.C. Moore, "C" Coy., beat Pte. Quinn on points.
Pte. Greig, "C" Coy., was given a walk-over by L.C. Brown.
Sgt. Elliot, "A" Coy., beat Pte. Clarke on points.

Lightweight
Pte. McNally, "A" Coy., beat L.C. Sharman on points.
Heavyweight
Pte. Marshall, "A" Coy., beat L.C. Lar-kin on points.

Welterweight
Pte. Callahan, "A" Coy., beat Cpl. Ritchie on points.

PUPPET OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Mar. 6 (UP).—Armed men to-day shot and killed Chang Li-sung, a minor official working for the Japanese-owned Central China Telecommunications Company which has taken over the former Chinese Government radio offices.

Four shots were fired as Chang was walking in Yu Ya Ching Street, which was crowded at the time. Chang was twice struck in the chest and died an hour later after being rushed to hospital.

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Did Rowland Hill Invent Penny Stamp?

WOMAN'S LIFE FIGHT TO UPSET HISTORY

By STUART FLETCHER

A DINNER was held in London recently to celebrate the centenary of the penny stamp.

Six of the guests were descendants of Sir Rowland Hill who you probably think invented the penny stamp.

A seventh guest was a precisely-spoken, determined, deaf old woman of 73 who is perfectly certain that he didn't.

Her name is Miss Leah Chalmers, and ever since she was a little girl she has devoted herself to the job of proving that the penny stamp was invented by her grandfather, James Chalmers, a Dundee bookseller. She has written one book about it. She is writing another. Her father wrote a dozen pamphlets, had questions asked in Parliament, demanded public inquiries.

The controversy has raged quite bitterly for a century. "Sir Rowland Hill," admits Miss Chalmers, "did a wonderful piece of work in reforming the postal services of this country, but it was my grandfather's invention of the penny stamp which caught the public imagination and made Sir Rowland Hill's work a success."

Leah Chalmers' life-work started in a manner of speaking, in a wardrobe.

Sixty years ago or so, when Leah Chalmers was a little girl, her mother said to her, "Leah, empty that wardrobe of all those letters and papers that are cluttering it up and burn them!"

Leah, being an inquisitive little girl, burnt all the envelopes but kept the letters and papers.

So it was she discovered that Grandfather James printed an adhesive penny stamp in a back room of his Dundee office in 1834, three years before Rowland Hill issued his famous pamphlet on "Post Office Reform."

When the pamphlet was issued Chalmers forwarded his ideas to Rowland Hill, who acknowledged them privately, but, when he himself introduced the penny stamp three years later, not publicly.

Chalmers was mortified. His son, Patrick, was indignant, and had tremendous disputes with Rowland Hill's son, Pearson, who refused to divulge his father's correspondence.

Suddenly a blind and paralysed daughter of James Chalmers died. Among her papers were found copies of all the disputed correspondence.

Patrick completed his case, had questions asked in Parliament, and

was on the brink of vindicating his father's claim, to fame when he died suddenly.

So all the correspondence, the Press cuttings and the pamphlets were stuffed into an old wardrobe—until Leah found them and carried on the battle.

EYE-WITNESS TELLS OF RED AIR RAIDS

By RALPH HEWINS,

DAILY MAIL WAR CORRESPONDENT IN FINLAND.

OULU, FINLAND.

CROUCHED in the opening of an air raid shelter to-day, I watched wave after wave of Russian bombers try to wipe out this key town on the Finnish coast.

Bombs weighing 500lb. crashed among the little wooden homes in which most of the population live. Where they fell in the streets they left craters 20 ft. deep and 30 ft. across.

Hundreds of incendiary bombs followed. They fell in a shower among the wrecked buildings. Soon there were a dozen fires.

People who had taken refuge in the danger zones were forced to run to new shelter.

At once the Russian raiders swooped low. The streets were sprayed with machine gun bullets.

Girl Escapes

A girl of 16 threw herself down in the snow as one machine flew over the main street at only 500ft. She escaped.

Several bombs fell on buildings where foreign volunteers are temporarily billeted.

Two were machine-gunned as they ran to gain alternative refuge. A third lost his leg. He was hit by a bomb splinter.

The terror lasted all day. The third raid is still in progress.

So far, thanks to air-raid shelters and evacuation, casualties total only 15 wounded among civilians.

Fires have been got under control, but large areas of the town are only blackened ruins.

Ideal weather has favoured the massed flights of Russian bombers. It is cold and clear.

Systematic

In the first raid they came over in three. I counted 16. For an hour they crossed and recrossed the town. The work was systematic. First, the great high-explosive bombs. Then the rain of incendiary bombs. Finally, the machine-guns. Explosions were heard 30 miles away.

At last the drone of the raiders' engines faded, Oulu's "skeleton population" emerged.

They had only begun to fight the fires—even women and children helped the volunteer firemen—when the Russians appeared again. This time there were thirteen.

The same tactics were repeated. So it went on. There are now 20 bombers over the town.

Oulu is on the Gulf of Bothnia, and through it runs the railway linking Finland with Sweden.

At Abo, the important port farther south two patients jumped from the second floor of a bombed maternity hospital (says Exchange). They escaped with bruises.

Soviet 'Squealers' Imprisoned

MOSCOW, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three men and a woman, who for the past two years have denounced over 100 persons, including party officials, as spies acting on behalf of foreign agents, have now been convicted at Kieff of spreading calumnious and untrue reports.

They have been sentenced to terms ranging up to 15 years.

1914-1939: Girls A Stone Heavier

GIRLS at school to-day are schoolgirls of the same age at the beginning of the last war. They are 2.4 inches taller.

These are among the remarkable facts brought to light in investigations by a number of education authorities.

Fearing that the children may be the first to suffer from the effects of the war, they conducted inquiries to establish the exact position at the outbreak.

The Board of Education is anxious that every local education authority should keep closely informed about the physical condition of children under its care while the war lasts.

It urges that the children should be medically examined every six months.

Boys Gain Less

The weight increase in boys, compared with those of 25 years ago, is 11.3 lb. against the 12.9 lb. of the girls.

But their increase in height is the same.

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It is believed that the standard of physique has been improved by evacuation.

The authorities fear, however, that unless parents continue to take advantage of the milk for schools scheme there may be a relapse.

Ensure Milk

During the second month of the war the consumption of milk in schools dropped from 2,500,000 gallons to about 1,500,000 gallons.

Parents whose children are evacuated may ensure that they are given milk while at school by sending a shilling a month to the teacher or the billeting householder.

LATE NEWS

DORADO IN ACCIDENT

The Imperial Airways air-liner Dorado was damaged yesterday whilst en route from Hongkong to Bangkok, according to brief information received in the Colony this morning.

The accident occurred as the machine was taking off from Udonorn. Neither passengers nor crew were injured.

A relief plane is leaving Hongkong this morning to take on the passengers and mail.

The passengers were Mesdames Wentworth-Steeve and Lock.

The plane was piloted by Capt. Dykes and First Officer Harvey.

It is believed that the Dorado will have to be withdrawn from service for some days in order to effect repairs.

Inward Plane Delayed

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Tokyo Reaches Decision

After Stormy Meeting

Tokyo, Mar. 6.

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Reliable reports state that the

Minseito Party members were engaged in fistfights and chair throwing during the meeting.

Six members of the Party have resigned from the Parliamentary Discipline Committee rather than vote for Saito's resignation and other resignations are expected to follow.

Several representatives are securing leave of absence from to-morrow's meeting rather than cast their vote.

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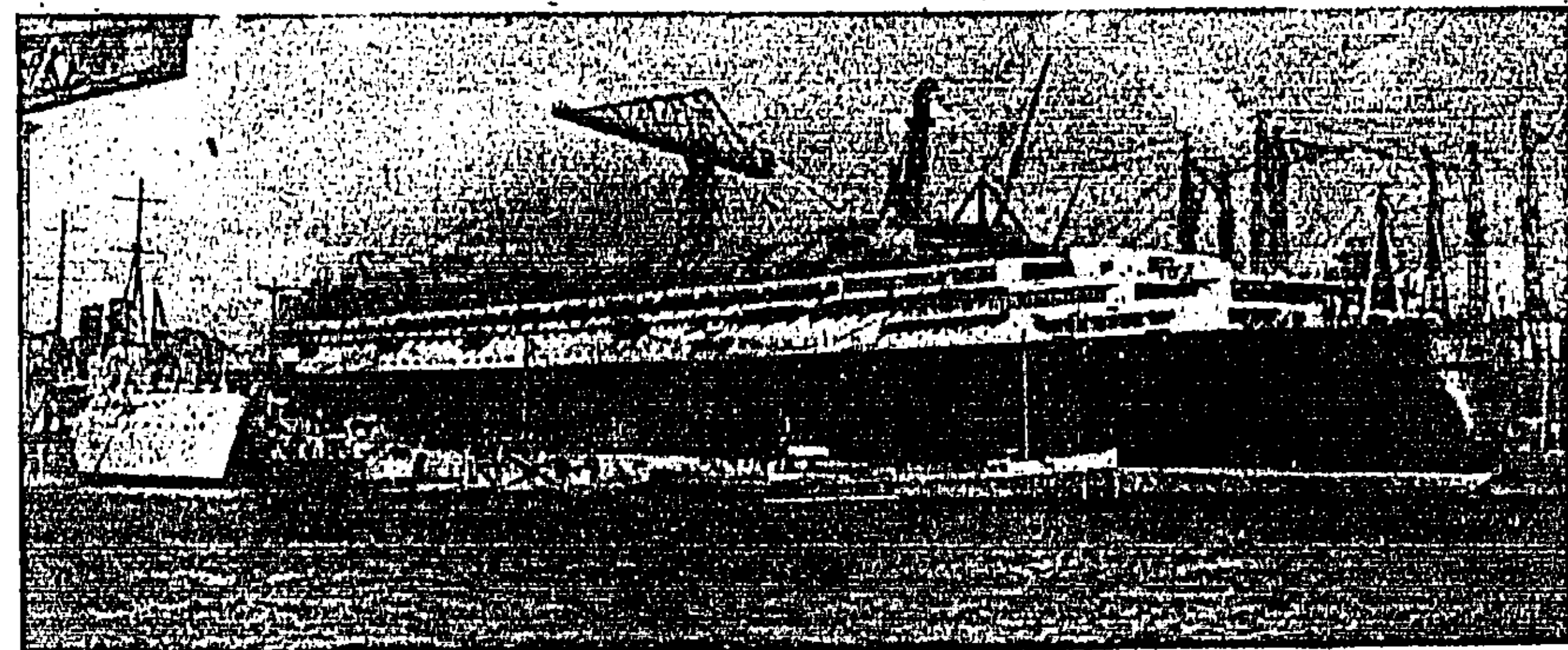
SWEDEN CAN MUSTER—

Eight light battleships (Germany has five);
Four cruisers (Germany has ten);
Sixteen destroyers (Germany has thirty-one);
Fourteen submarines (Germany has about fifty);
One aircraft carrier (Germany has two—under construction);
One seaplane carrier (Germany has none);
Twenty-four patrol boats (Germany has fourteen).

Statement by the Russian Legation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, MAR. 7 (DOMEI).—ALTHOUGH EARLIER RUMOURS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOVIET RUSSIA AND RUMANIA WERE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WERE DENIED, THE SOVIET LEGATION IN BUCHAREST HAS NOW CONFIRMED THE REPORTS.

The Legation announces that the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotoff, will shortly visit Bucharest to sign the pact.



85,000-Ton Liner Queen Elizabeth Approaches New York After An Amazing Maiden Voyage

SECRETLY CROSSES THE ATLANTIC

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Queen Elizabeth has crossed the Atlantic and will dock at New York soon.

The crossing of the Atlantic in secret and without passengers is described as the most amazing maiden voyage ever.

Ever since she was launched by the Queen in 1938, workmen have been making her ready to take her place beside other Cunard White Star liners, but no-one had thought that the maiden voyage would be a "ghost trip."

To Join Sister Ship
In New York, the Queen Elizabeth will join her famous sister ship, Queen Mary, which has been there since the outbreak of war. Beside her will be her famous Atlantic rival, the French liner, Normandie.

Costing £5,000 A Month
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Queen Mary is costing her owners £5,000 a month while in New York.

Secret Sailing
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The world's biggest liner, the 85,000-ton Queen Elizabeth, left her fitting-out basin at Clydebank on February 26, it has just been revealed. In striking contrast with the scenes of enthusiasm which marked the departure of the Queen Mary, fewer than 100 people watched the delicate manoeuvring at the Rothesay Dock entrance.

For nearly an hour, the Queen Elizabeth was in difficulties near the Haslode Light, practically at the same spot at which the Queen Mary narrowly missed fouling the bank.

The liner, however, successfully completed her 15-mile journey in four hours.

R. A. F. SAVE SHIP

Dutch Vessel Warned Of Mine In Time

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The 8,000-ton Dutch merchant-ship, Stadshoudam, was saved from destruction by mines yesterday in the North Sea as the result of the vigilance of an Air Force Coastal Command plane.

Warning By Lamp
The plane sighted mines and reported their position by wireless, and flying over the ship flashed a warning by lamp. It also dropped coloured lights in the sea immediately ahead of the ship, which however continued on its course.

The position was so desperate that the pilot of the plane was compelled to fire his machinegun across the ship's bow. The ship then swung hard about and was away from danger.

FINNISH WAR

Defenders Dig Into New Positions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Helsingfors Correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" reports hard fighting on the northern front before the new Finnish positions at Nautsi, where the defenders have dug in.

Eye-witnesses claim that the Russians suffered heavily during their advance up the Pasvik valley.

Bodies of dead Russians are frequently seen floating down the Pasvik River to the sea.

Red Attacks Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A Finnish communiqué states that Russian attacks over Viborg Bay and between Viborg Bay and Vuoksen were repulsed, the Russians losing large numbers of men and many tanks.

Russian attacks northeast of Lake Ladoga, it is claimed, were also repulsed, while fighting is proceeding in the Kuhmo region.

It is alleged that some 40 persons were killed in Russian air raids and that ten Russian machines were shot down.

NEW PURGE IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Mar. 6 (UP).—Sabotage on the Cultural Front is the latest excuse for a purge in Russia.

The Ukrainian Supreme Court has sentenced four executives of the Kiev Theatrical Organisation to imprisonment ranging from four to fifteen years for alleged "wrecking" on the cultural front.

The trial lasted a month. It revealed that the defendants had been engaged in systematic libel and blackmail of over 100 artists, educators, students and Communist officials, whom they accused of membership in "nationalist organisations."

AMAZING TRIP

A STRIKING VIEW of the giant new Cunard White Star liner Queen Elizabeth in Messrs. John Brown's fitting-out basin at Clydebank, from where she was moved on February 26. This photograph, the last that will be permitted until after the war, was taken before the Queen Elizabeth's masts and funnels were fitted. Unlike the smaller Queen Mary, she will have two funnels. She is expected to capture the Blue Riband of the Atlantic when she is placed in service.

Hongkong Ship's Crew Lost

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is now feared that the entire crew of the Hongkong-registered steamer Charles F. Meyer has been lost.

The vessel, a 10,000-ton tanker owned by the Oriental Transportation Co. Ltd., of Union House, Hongkong, was attacked and torpedoed by a U-boat in the English Channel on Monday.

The crew abandoned the ship before she sank.

Two lifeboats put out from a coastal port in an effort to rescue the crew, but without success. Naval vessels and other ships answered the S.O.S.

It is not believed that any members of the crew of the lost tanker were recruited in Hongkong. As far as can be ascertained, the only Hongkong person serving on ships of the Oriental Transportation Co. Ltd. is Mr. Dalziel, who is believed to be aboard the W. B. Walker, sister-ship of the lost Charles F. Meyer.

No H.K. People Aboard

Enquiry at the Head Office of the Oriental Transportation Company in Hongkong confirms that no Hongkong people are aboard the Charles F. Meyer.

The last crew, which was signed on February 28 last year for 24 months, came almost entirely from Scotland and England.

The Master of the ship when she was torpedoed was Captain Alfred Cook, of Eastbourne. It is presumed that he is among those missing.

Charles F. Meyer In Port

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The tanker, Charles F. Meyer, has been brought to port.

A reporter was told that the tanker was damaged by an explosion but there is no information how the explosion occurred.

"Torpedoed" Ship Safe

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—According to an Amsterdam telegram to the official German news agency, the London tanker, San Florentino, 12,842 tons, sent out an S.O.S. today stating that she was torpedoed off Land's End.

However, a later message from the same source reported that the tanker had arrived safely in port.

Tanker Attacked

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A Swansea tanker of 2,695 tons was bombed and machine-gunned by two German planes off the north-east coast of Scotland.

One of the crew was injured.

Vessel In Trouble

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Wireless listeners heard an S.O.S. from a Norfolk Coast light vessel, stating that she was being bombed and machine-gunned by an enemy plane.

War May Be Extended At Any Moment NEUTRALS FACING GRAVE DANGER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LAUSANNE, March 6 (UP).—The danger to neutrals involving the possible extension of the war to countries such as Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and the Balkan States remains as acute as ever, but there is no real information available.

There is considerable speculation among those following the progress of Mr. Sumner Welles as to whether President Roosevelt may issue a last peace appeal to the belligerents—perhaps "for the sake of record"—after Mr. Welles' return and after he reports privately to the President.

May Suggest Continued Stalemate

This appeal, considering the information which Mr. Welles obtained from Hitler and Mussolini as well as from the statement he is certain to meet while in Paris and London, is almost certain to contain no concrete proposals for peace, unless there is a sudden change in the attitude of the belligerents.

President Roosevelt, might however, forcibly point out the consequences of a "real war" and suggest, as Mr. Welles is believed to have suggested in his talks, that the present stalemate be allowed to continue until some promising basis is seen for negotiations.

"Oyster" Welles

LAUSANNE, Mar. 6 (UP).—If the Allied leaders hope to learn from Mr. Sumner Welles any details of his conversations with Hitler, Mussolini or others they are doomed to disappointment. Mr. Welles made that very clear in a statement to the press here this afternoon.

He said the information received in his confidential talks is "sealed in airtight compartments" and there is no question of his revealing to Mr. Daladier or Mr. Chamberlain what he has learnt from the German and Italian leaders.

Speaking to the press in the sitting-room of his suite in the Hotel Beauvillier looking out across Lake Geneva, Mr. Welles said whatever he has learnt will be embodied in confidential reports to the President alone.

Nazis Barato Neutrals

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A violent attack on neutral countries in connection with the war at sea was the main feature of the political review of the week in the German broadcast this evening.

The spokesman declared: "Neutrals will be made to realise that Germany is not willing to put up with the insolent criticism of the measures taken by our navy."

"We require these neutrals to keep in mind that we will not allow anyone to besmirch the honour of our Fuehrer and our forces."

"Neutrals should at least make themselves familiar with the plain fact that they have no business between the fronts."

"It is not in Germany's interest to allow neutral shipping to continue their much too profitable trade with our enemies."

"We have declared the sea routes to England a war zone. The best advice we can give to neutrals is to keep out of this war zone. If they disregard the advice, they must shoulder the responsibility, but not to indulge in imprudent criticism of Germany."

CHUNGKING GOVT. DEFRAUDED

Lose \$285,000 Over Arms Deal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 6 (UP).—An amazing story of an alleged fraud in which the Chinese Government was the victim was unfurled in the New York Supreme Court today, when agents for Chungking were granted the first lien on machine-guns valued at US\$3,381, held by Messrs. A. I. Pederson & Co., of Brooklyn.

During the case, it was revealed that a person named Emanuel Diaz, head of the Imperial Export Trade Corporation, allegedly received a cash payment of US\$71,000 and US\$214,000 in notes from the Chinese Government for the purchase of Colt machine-guns.

Second-Hand Guns

Instead, it is alleged, Diaz purchased old Vickers machine-guns worth only \$3 apiece.

Some of these second-hand machine-guns were sent to Messrs. Pederson & Co.'s workshops for repairs.

Subsequently, it was stated, in Court, Diaz attempted to sell the Chinese Government an obsolete battleship formerly owned by one of the South American republics.

The Chinese authorities refused to negotiate for the purchase of the battleship and pressed for delivery of the machine-guns.

Diaz then disappeared.

NO. U.S. ENVOY FOR BERLIN

NEW YORK, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The United States has been without an Ambassador in Berlin since November 1939. President Roosevelt told his press conference Tuesday that the return of an American Ambassador to Germany was not contemplated at present.

He said he had no information to the effect that the Germans meant to send their Ambassador back to the United States.

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, who has been on leave in America, has arrived in Europe on his way back to the British capital.

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Domala Was Armed

Queries Raised In House Of Commons

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Interrogated about the attack on the B. I. liner Domala, Mr. Winston Churchill stated in the House of Commons today that the ship was adequately armed with low and high-angled guns for protection against aircraft and submarines.

She was attacked suddenly by aircraft assumed to be friendly, and the guns were not brought into action before the bombs fell.

A destroyer close at hand was similarly misled.

Wore Gun Crews At Stations?

The Admiralty could not give a guarantee against occasional loss.

A report was being carefully prepared and examined by the authorities, and he would certainly look into the point raised whether the gun crews were at their action stations when the attack took place.

The highest state of preparedness we possess must be maintained, declared Mr. Churchill, adding that some parts of the deck were more dangerous than others.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The two chambers of the Riksdag today approved the Government Bill granting credit of £500,000 for carrying out defence works, notably aerodromes.

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EXAMINING U.S. MAIL

Mr. Butler Justifies
British Action

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. George Strauss asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day whether in view of the great indignation in the United States over the search of the Pan-American Clipper in the Bermudas on January 18, he could make a statement on the matter.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that under International Law a belligerent country was at liberty to examine any mail, whether neutral or belligerent, which was brought voluntarily within its jurisdiction.

The Government had decided to exercise this right at Bermuda on January 18 in respect to east-bound mails carried by the Pan-American Atlantic Service.

Serious Blunder?

Mr. Strauss asked if it was a fact that as a result of the British Government's action there had been great indignation felt by the American public and that the service now no longer stops at Bermuda.

In view of these facts, he asked whether the action of the British Government was not a serious blunder.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that he did not accept that at all. The Government's action was correct and, moreover, was justified by what was discovered in the mail.

Asked whether it was possible to consider some sort of arrangement that would satisfy the need of the British Government and a large section of American opinion, Mr. Butler replied that it was always their desire to find some sort of settlement which would be agreeable to both nations.

That Tientsin Silver

Problem Still Bothers
British Govt.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Asked what the present position is as regards the stocks of Chinese silver lying in the British Concession in Tientsin, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) in the House of Commons to-day said that the position remained unchanged.

He added that there had been conversations from time to time between the interested parties with the object of finding a solution which would prove acceptable to all of them.

Under Neutral Supervision

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked whether in the negotiations now proceeding it was quite clear that the silver would not be given up without the consent of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Butler repeated that their object was to find a solution that would prove acceptable to all parties concerned and, of course, the Chinese Government was a very important party.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander asked if there was any truth in the suggestion that it was proposed to place the silver under an Anglo-Japanese trusteeship.

Mr. Butler replied that there might be a question of placing the silver under neutral supervision, but not in the way suggested by Mr. Mander.

DORADO IN ACCIDENT

The Imperial Airways air-liner Dorado was damaged yesterday whilst en route from Hongkong to Bangkok, according to brief information received in the Colony this morning.

The accident occurred as the machine was taking off from Udon. Neither passengers nor crew were injured.

A relief plane is leaving Hongkong this morning to take on the passengers and mail.

The passengers were Messdames Wentworth-Reeve and Lock. The plane was piloted by Capt. Dykes and First Officer Harvey.

It is believed that the Dorado will have to be withdrawn from service for some days in order to effect repairs.

Inward Plane Delayed

The Imperial Airways plane scheduled to arrive at Kai Tak Airport to-day has been delayed and will not now arrive until to-morrow.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1940.

Bondholders Out Of Luck

Japanese Indebtedness
To British Investors

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Wardlaw Milne enquired as to what had been the result of the Prime Minister's representations to the Japanese Government on their continued failure to secure payment to British bondholders in the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in spite of excellent business being done by the railway which had been under Japanese control for two years.

Pressing For Reply

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador to Japan, was pressing the Japanese Government for a reply to these representations but none had yet been received and so far no attempt had been made by the Japanese authorities to meet the obligations of the railway to its bondholders.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne said that in pressing the Japanese Government to fulfil their obligations he took it that it was quite clear in the minds of the British Government that funds were available.

Mr. Butler replied that this raised a rather broad and complicated question, but he thought Sir John Wardlaw Milne was, on the whole, right.

Warships For Dutch Indies

Criticism Refuted In
Hague Parliament

THE HAGUE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the Second Chamber to-day, the Communist Leader, Mr. Visser, criticised what he called "growing Anglo-Dutch co-operation in the Far East," and urged the withdrawal of the Government's plan to build three new battle cruisers for the Dutch Indies.

The Minister for the Colonies, Mynheer Welter, refuted Visser's views and adhered to the intention to build the ships.

Asama Nazis To Go Via Siberia

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.—German nationals who were brought to Japan from Hongkong in connection with the Asama Maru incident, will leave Yokohama on route home via Siberia, it was revealed.

The Germans were among the 21 German seamen taken off from the Asama Maru by a British warship in the Pacific.

PARIS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Franco-Italian commercial accord has been initiated.

G. 15422 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 4234	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4234, Junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	21,500	\$ 245
						\$ 15,125

G. 15423 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	No. 4235	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4235, Between Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2960 and 4023, Stirling Road.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	11,800	\$ 160
						\$ 7,000

G. 15424 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	No. 4236	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4236, Boundary Street between Sai Yung Choi Street and Argyle Street.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	11,800	\$ 160
						\$ 7,000

G. 15425 R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
4	No. 4237	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 4237, Junction of Pak Wai Street and Gai Tai Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	11,800	\$ 160
						\$ 7,000

PALESTINE POLICY DENOUNCED

Heated Criticism In
House Of Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—Mr. Noel Baker (Labour) to-day moved a vote of censure in the House of Commons on the Government's policy in Palestine.

He denounced the restrictions of land sales as "arbitrary, reactionary and unjust," and challenged the Colonial Secretary to prove that there were more Arabs without land now than there were in 1932.

Weak And Hunted Race

"To-day the Jews are a weak and hunted race because of the general holocaust," declared Mr. Baker, adding: "The civilised standards of their influence has gone so far that we dare to perform this shameful act to-day—repudiate a moral contract with them while a great war is going on."

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Colonial Secretary said that the Government's policy in Palestine was essential to the maintenance of good government in that country and to "enable us to mobilise our forces."

Unjust Discrimination

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—An Opposition vote of censure on the Government in connection with the issue of land regulations in Palestine was moved in the House of Commons to-day.

The motion expressed regret that, without the authority of the League Council, regulations controlling the transfer of land were issued which discriminated unjustly against one section of the inhabitants in Palestine.

Mr. Noel Baker, moving the resolution, recalled that the Opposition had held last May that the Secretary of State's White Paper of May 17 was inconsistent with the Palestine Mandate.

These land regulations, which the Opposition now oppose, were part of the policy of that White Paper.

They believed that these regulations damaged the interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The Secretary of State's latest White Paper did not say that Arabs were landless and dispossessed at present. Jews only sought to buy surplus land.

Strong Safeguards

The existing safeguards against the landless Arab problem were pretty strong, and Mr. Baker declared that the Jews had not decreased the land available to the Arabs, but had notably increased it.

He contended that Jewish activities resulted in great benefit to the Arabs, and argued that Mr. MacDonald's proposed course was deliberately violating British obligations and striking a blow at the great principle for which we were at war.

Until Mr. MacDonald raised a storm a week ago by promulgating the new regulations, Palestine had been forgotten. He had examined the status of the Permanent Mandates Commission and contended that unless it was accepted as a quasi-judicial body whose findings on questions of interpretation were accepted, the whole thing made no sense.

Mr. MacDonald's Reply

Mr. Baker said that 90 per cent. of Jewish eligibles in Palestine had volunteered to fight for the Allied cause.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald assured the House that if it had been possible to maintain a firm and healthy peace in Palestine by a policy of mastery inactivity, he would have shown himself a ready master at doing nothing at all. He contended that the control of land sales had become an essential part of the obligations to carry out the mandate.

There were two complementary obligations of equal importance—one to the Jews and one to the Arabs.

A Palestine Ideal

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald said that the central fact of these 20 years was that under the powerful guidance and protection of Great Britain more than 35,000 Jews had found a happy settlement in their national home in Palestine.

What was wanted in Palestine, he said, was a development beneficial to the Jews which would enable them to continue, where possible, their close settlement of land and development which, at the same time, was beneficial to the Arabs, which confirmed or enhanced their economic security.

Mr. MacDonald denied that the land regulations were a concession to political pressure from the Arabs and added that if they were concerned with making concessions to Arab political claims they would have gone very much further than they had.

Four whole problems in Palestine is to hold the scale even and fairly between the Jewish and Arab claims which is not an easy task but extremely difficult," he said.

After quoting from a report on the Peel Commission, Mr. MacDonald said that they were not introducing this measure as a result of political pressure from the Arab but because of the great weight of evidence from impartial and authoritative opinion. Unless they did something like it in the near future, he said, they would be defeating the purpose of the mandate itself.

Situation Improves

He said that it was certainly true that the situation in Palestine, which twelve months ago was exceedingly grave and fraught with danger to this country and other people, had very greatly improved.

In fact, he continued, Palestine was enjoying a greater quietness than had been enjoyed for four years.

He said Mr. MacDonald, "is not quite so grateful. He had hoped that Palestine would be an ally of his. He has been profoundly disappointed."

Mr. MacDonald said he did not seek to deny the great effect that the outbreak of war had had in bringing about greater pacification in Palestine. It had made a deep impression. The Arabs had recognised that Nazi domination in Europe would be a great threat to their prospects of freedom and the freedom of the Arab kingdom in the rest of Arabia.

Abated Hostility

They had abated their hostility and expressed their complete friendship with us and had offered their help which we were accepting in many ways.

At the outbreak of the war, he said, the Jewish leaders also declared that a larger issue had been raised. Without qualifying their hostility towards the White Paper, they offered unconditionally their support to Great Britain and France.

The Jews in Palestine had offered their practical support to our war effort which we were accepting to a maximum practical extent.

"It should like on behalf of the British Government to express our thanks to both the Jewish and Arab communities for their loyal friendship and support in our war against the common enemy, Nazi Germany," he continued.

Essential To Harmony

He contended that if they had not introduced these land regulations in the comparative harmony which had been established they would certainly have been disturbed before long and these land regulations were essential to a long period this harmony was to be maintained.

Referring to the troops which had already been withdrawn from Palestine between the publication of the White Paper last year and the outbreak of war, Mr. MacDonald said that the question of withdrawing troops from Palestine was to-day far more important than it was ten months ago.

Raw Material For Agitators

Dealing with the question of landless Arabs, Mr. MacDonald said that they were the raw material for the anti-Jewish agitator, and when it came to trouble these were the levers which were recruited into the Arab bandit bands.

They could not take the risk at the present time of allowing the problem to grow from strength to strength.

They had had the most stern warning from Palestine in recent weeks that despite the appearance in Palestine, there was beneath the surface a growing unrest among the Arabs, a growing suspicion that the British Government was not sincere in their professions that they would protect the interest of the Arab cultivator and labour, and that they had become more critical and hostile to the mandatory power.

Danger Of Trouble

Mr. MacDonald maintained that if they now destroyed confidence in British promises, the whole mood of the Arab population in Palestine might well change. They might find that the troops in Palestine, who were just completing the work of restoring law and order, had to remain in Palestine and start all over again that painful work, and they might even find that the troops recently

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They had had the most stern warning from Palestine in recent weeks that despite the appearance in Palestine, there was beneath the surface a growing unrest among the Arabs, a growing suspicion that the British Government was not sincere in their professions that they would protect the interest of the Arab cultivator and labour, and that they had become more critical and hostile to the mandatory power.

Danger Of Trouble

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break of war had had in bringing about greater pacification in Palestine. It had made a deep impression. The Arabs had recognised that Nazi domination in Europe would be a great threat to their prospects of freedom and the freedom of the Arab kingdom in the rest of Arabia.

Abated Hostility

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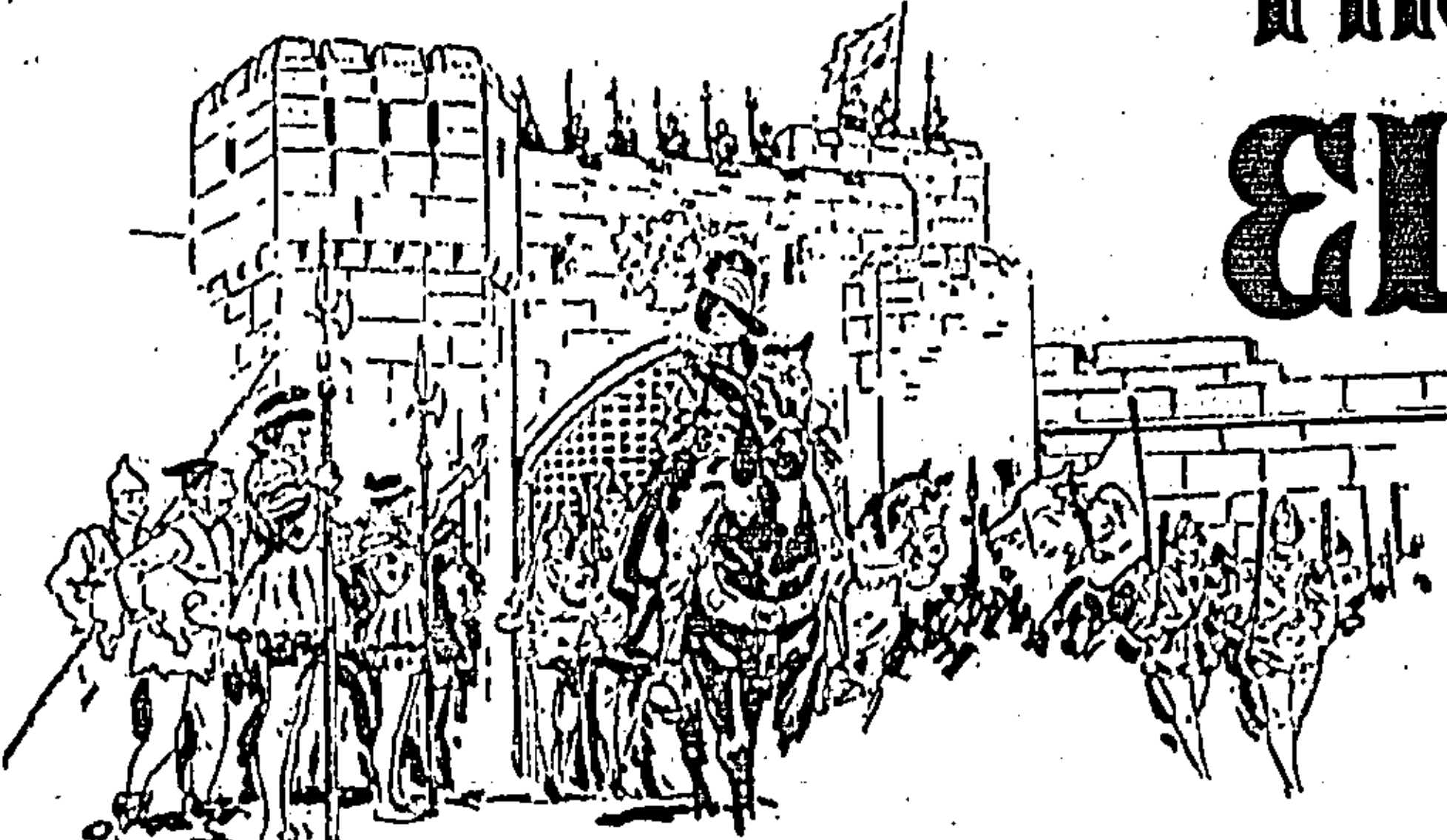
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"I tell you, my lords, his return is dangerous to us all!" murmured Egerton, his cunning face ghastly under the flare that made the great hall but dimly visible. "With Essex close to her again, influencing her, none of our positions is safe!"

"Which does she love the more, think you..." asked Burghley, "her earl or her kingdom?"

"Essex, of course," sneered Raleigh. "Isn't it obvious?"

"You're less clever, Sir Walter, than even I thought," remarked Bacon with veiled sarcasm. "She loves her people and her kingdom above all men, and always will! And that, my friends, is the rock on which Essex's ship will founder! Our own advancement comes only when Essex is in Ireland... or somewhere! Are you... will you... join with me in a..."

"Will you!" exclaimed Sir Walter. "When he's snatched my honours from me, till his very walk and voice and aspect make me writhe! But how...?"

"The Council meets at nine to-night!" said Bacon, grimacing wryly. "We've time enough to plan! But this is too public a place!"

THEIR stealthy going left only the motionless guards at the entrance to the Queen's private rooms, and Essex, pacing impatiently before it.

When the door slowly opened at last he strode in hastily, smiling in pleased recognition of the fact that the lady curtsying so prettily before him, was none other than Lady Penelope Grey.

"Have I kept Her Majesty waiting, Penelope?"

"Oh, no, my lord, no... in fact she... she's not quite ready!" stammered the blushing beauty. "Forgive me for asking you, my lord... but may I have a moment with you... I want to ask..."

"Yes, my dear... I love her deeply... but why do you ask?"

"I only wish, my lord, that you loved someone who loves you better!"

"Doesn't the Queen love me, sweet?"

"I feel that I must tell you something, my lord... something that makes me fear for you! Many's the time I've heard her walking up and down her room in the night, cursing you because she must love you and can't help herself! Swearing a terrible vengeance for this love she seems to bear you! Oh, do be careful, Robert... you anger her too much!" She drew his face down to her and kissed him again and again—then turning away reluctantly, she murmured "I'll tell her now you are here."

"You find Penelope charming?" Elizabeth, smiling grotesquely, stood between the parted draperies of her inner room, regarding them. "Well so be it, Essex," she said mockingly. "There are other men beside yourself... for me to love... and be loved by! There's always Egerton... or Sir Walter, the handsome... the... tho..."

"The silver plated!" Essex supplied the word with an insolently ingratiating grin. "I assure you, Madame, he'll wear silver at your door no more!"

"I knew that silver armour would draw your fire!" cried Elizabeth, bursting into a fit of harsh and uncontrollable laughter. "What have you done to him, boy? Come, tell me!"

"The fashion's gone out, that's all!" guffawed Essex, whacking her familiarly. She returned the rough caress, and they caught hands and roared with boisterous mirth. Suddenly he swept her into his arms, and she yielded, and their kiss had in it all the love and longing of their separation. When at last she spoke, her voice was husky with passion... and despair.

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are summoned before the Queen on their return from the successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex, with whom the Queen is notoriously infatuated, is enraged when she elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself. When he protests hotly, the Queen strikes him across the face and he leaves London. Her army defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to get Essex back. Bacon explains the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest and Essex come back. He ridicules Raleigh and the two men are crossing swords when Bacon parts them and Essex goes in for a quarrelsome and loving tryst with the Queen. The other courtiers plot to banish him.

"Let us be kind for a little, Robert, my darling," she murmured. "You are young and strangely sweet and my heart cries out to you wherever you are! And something in me has drawn you too... But this same, lovely, dreadful thing that draws us together hurts and blinds us until we strike at one another! And it grows worse with the years! I fear it will end badly..."

SO, intermittently cursing and caressing, they talked of a thousand things... they talked of Cadiz and of Ireland... and love again.

Not heeding the repeated call, they arrived at the Council meeting late.

Raleigh and the rest had their plot well in hand. "So you challenge me to go, do you?" blazed Essex, and turning to the Queen he pleaded, "Give me the men I need—Your Majesty! Put me in command, and let me crush Tyrone, take my sword and break it, for I'll never use it again!"

"Oh, you fool, you fool!" murmured Elizabeth. "They'd set out to trap you... and they've done it! Can't you see?"

"Of course I see, but my decision is made! I go to Ireland!"

Elizabeth sat in haughty state until the last man of the Council had filed out, then, throwing her arms about Essex, she moaned tearfully, "Oh, Robert, I can't let you go... I can't... I can't! I may never see you again!"

"I'll win! Is it so hard to believe me... to forgive me?"

"I believe you... I'll even forgive you if you need it... Here's this ring... my father gave it to me and told me that if ever he lost his temper with me to bring it back and he'd forgive me... Take it..."

"I'll take it to remember you in absence..."

"No... take it because the years are full of sharp, wearing days that change us into people we do not know... Lest you and I... who love each other now... may wake up some morning strangers... enemies..."

"YOU'RE still Essex's friend, are you not, Master Bacon?" the Queen asked, the moment that her wily courtier had entered her room and shut the door.

"Why... yes, Madame!"

"He's a dangerous man to follow! He's no longer in my favour! I forget him! All friends of his are going straightway to the Tower! Are you... still... his friend?"

"Yes, Madame."

"You don't believe me, do you! Why?"

"If you intended to imprison me in the Tower, Your Majesty, I'd be repelled with a grim smile. I'd be there now, and no talk about it!"

"Shrewd, aren't you! If I could only be sure of one honest voice! Tell me, Bacon, Essex couldn't fail me, could he? No? Then why hasn't he written me? I've written him my love time and time again! Tell me truly, bitter or not, why hasn't he answered?"

"Have you angered him?" asked Bacon softly, knowing he was treading on thin ice. "Have you sent him unwelcome orders? He is proud, you know!"

"I've cut off all revenues and supplies," she cried defiantly. "Ordered him to disband his forces! But I'm Queen still, and that he shall never take from me! I'm not broken yet, am I, Bacon?"

"No your Majesty, nor ever shall be!"

"By heaven!" stormed Elizabeth. "If our letters were tampered with, there'll be heads lopped off in plenty here! My lords, I wish to speak to my lord Essex... here alone!"

The members of the court filed solemnly from the throne room. "What did you write to me, Robert?" Elizabeth asked tenderly. "I wrote my love at first; then, when I didn't hear, I wrote you angrily... but always I ended by telling you I loved you!... And you?"

"I, too, wrote my love... and God keep you safe; then, receiving no answer, I wrote heaven knows what madness, because I... I thought you faithless!" Then, angrily, "You should never have gone to Ireland... I... I hated you... planned to put you to the tortures..."

"I have been tortured enough..."

"I can't think yet, darling..." she whispered, her eyes wet with tears. "Can't breathe... Put your arms around me..."

"Dearest one..."

"Can we ever believe again, Robert... Can it be as it used to be... Do you love me still?"

"Yes... but I must be honest with you! I brought my army here, partly from anger... mostly from love... but what made me do it really was something else... something stronger than myself..."

"I know... ambition... thirst for power..."

"The throne is yours by descent and possession, but if this were a freer time... I'd sweep the country before me!"

"So... this is your love... You've never wanted me... I do want you... I want power... yes... but not without you!"

"It has taken me many years of ruling England, my Essex," said the Queen bitterly, rising and clapping her hands four times, "to discover that a ruler must be without love! Without mercy..."

When Captain Armistead appeared with six of the Royal Guard she said coldly: "Arrest my lord of Essex! Take him to the Tower!"

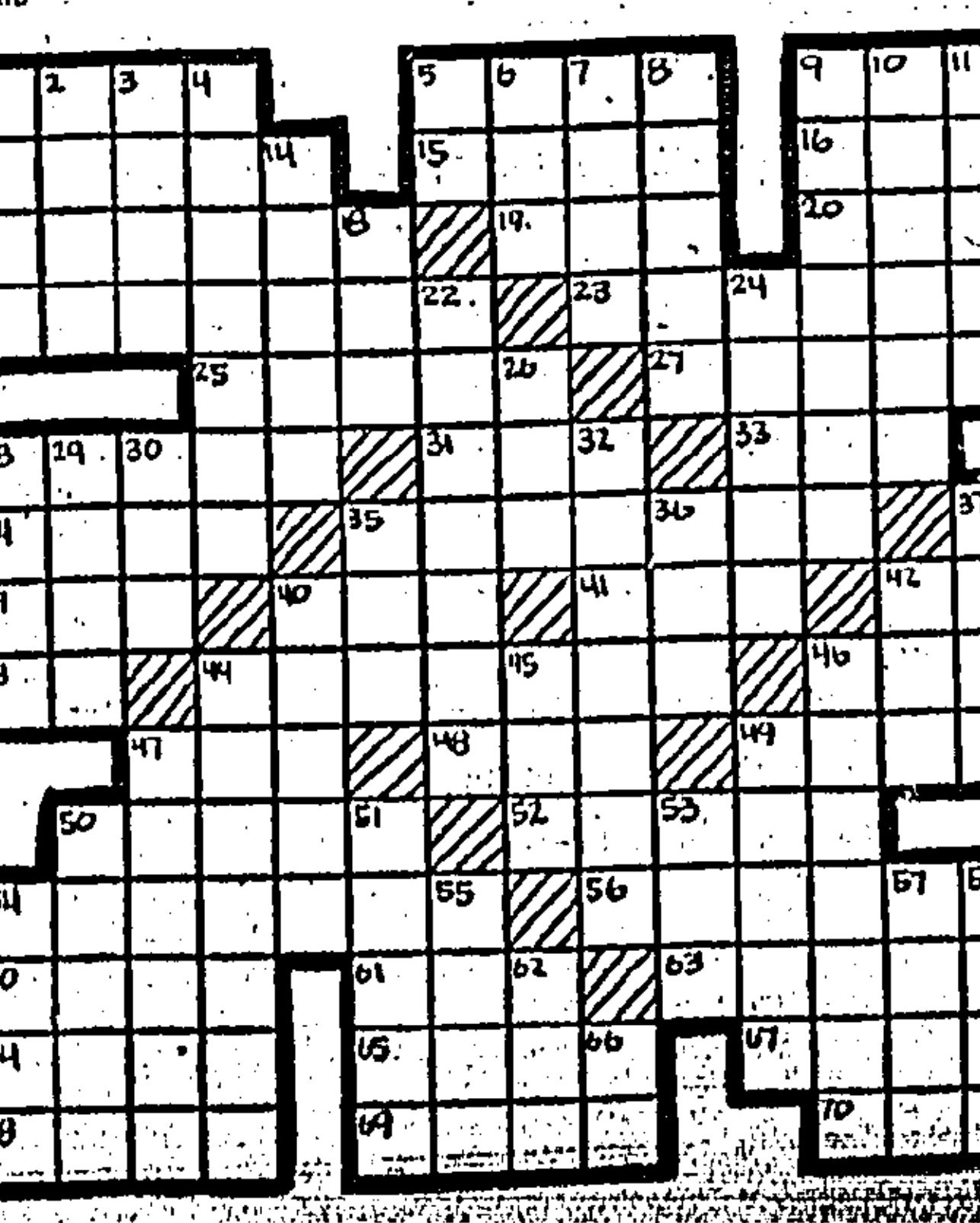
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Greece
2—Olympus
3—Only in Brazil
4—Mystical group
5—Mine entrance
6—Doves
7—Happened
8—Daily
9—Celt
10—Jodness of justice
11—Burmese ruler
12—Egyptian singing girl
13—Mystical ball
14—Knock
15—Tidy plant
16—Tidy dressings
17—Call for silence
18—That bird
19—Piece of ice
20—Household god
21—Crest
22—Presents away
23—Appointed
24—Part of meat
25—Crown
26—And got
27—Separate
28—Zodiac
29—The end
30—Bread
31—Lia party on
32—Inch
33—Increase
34—Lure
35—Hill

DOWN
1—Passionist deity
2—Pile
3—Outer skin
4—Course
5—Mates use of
6—Curse
7—Boring tool
8—Laid out
9—Merry trick
10—Democratic (abbr.)
11—Anti-aircraft gun
12—Part of pie
13—Finger
14—Cast ballot
15—Pool
16—Sicilian province
17—Direct suddenly
18—Father
19—Hum
20—Light and fine
21—Mineral spring
22—Small weapons
23—Also
24—Tic-tac
25—Aeroplane barn
26—Shimless
27—Asian province
28—Entrance into society
29—First woman
30—Gallion
31—Lia party on
32—Part of play
33—Annoyed
34—Cool
35—Compass point



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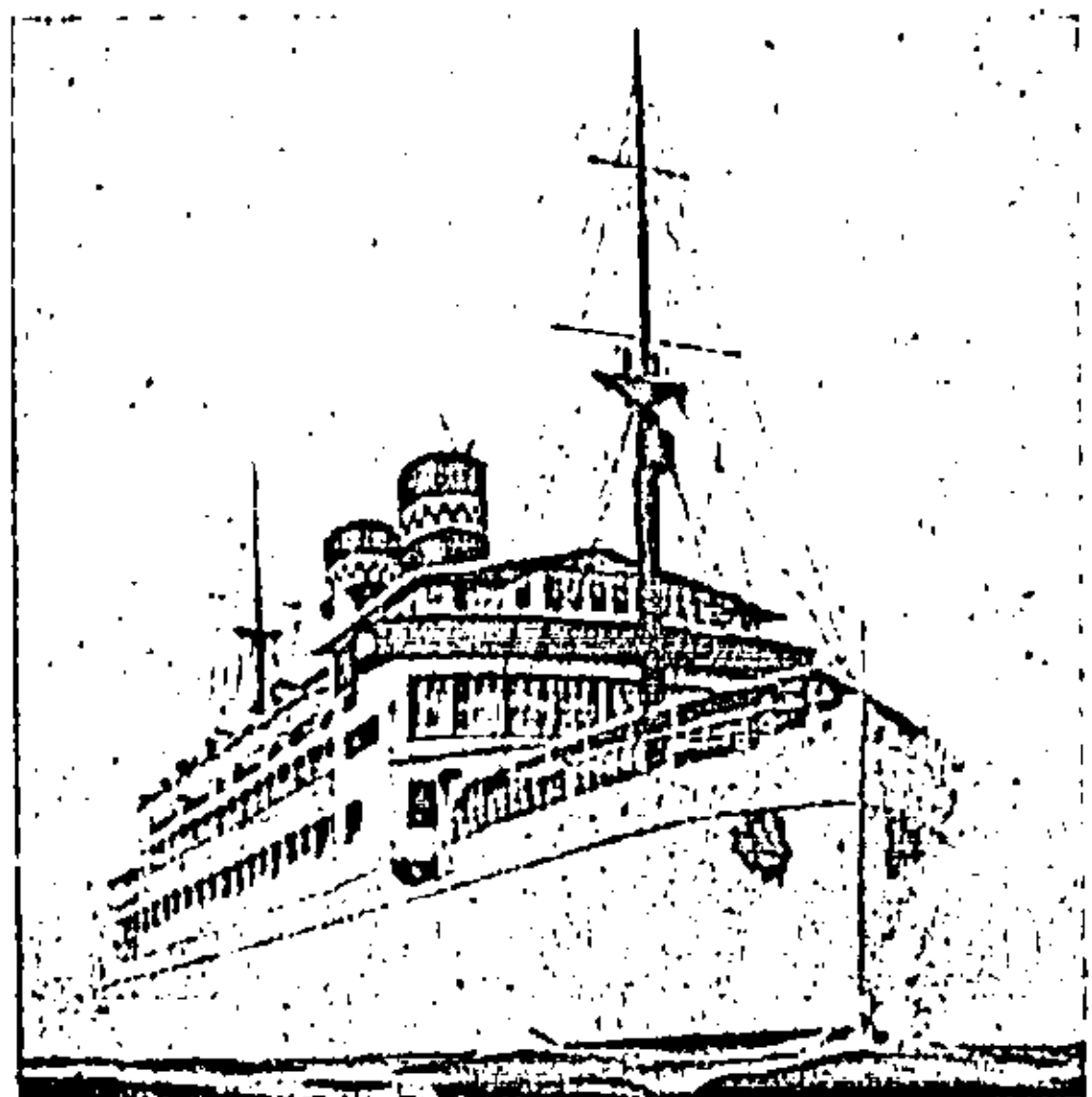
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Simple Rules For Glamour

By JACQUELINE HUNT

ARE you going to attend any sports? In any case, you should be beauty-minded. Not only will you want to be pretty as possible for the boy friend while the game is in progress, but you'll want to be positively glamorous when you greet the nip your cheeks and make them victorious team. You will need a lasting and protective make-up, during the afternoon and all the little extras that will serve for an emergency that might arise when you are dressing for the evening party.

You will probably have a make-up kit to start out with, but see that, in addition to such essentials as cleanser, tonic and make-up base, it includes a warm, glowing shade of powder that you can use for evening and the right shade of rouge and lipstick. Tuck in mascara and eye shadow, and be sure to include a powder blending brush and a stick of tinted foundation preparation to cover up skin blemishes or pimples if one appears.

Don't Forget Perfume

Last but not least, see to your perfume. You will want a light, spicy, fresh fragrance for the afternoon. You might like to carry it in your purse in a handy little dispenser so you can renew the application if the wind blows away all trace of it before the game is over. If you have an opportunity to bathe and change from the skin out, you might like to take along a more romantic fragrance in a leak-proof atomizer to spray on before the party.

Now, for the details of your make-up. Cleanse your face and throat with a creamy semi-liquid cleanser or cold cream. Remove with tissues and put on more of the cold cream or a softening cream and lids. Wipe off facial tissues, and renew your complexion with tissues. Your skin plexion powder. This simple measure will feel very soft to the touch, but will do a lot to freshen you and not greasy. Put on your foundation, revive your spirits. Tidy your hair. You can use a liquid powder base, and add a touch of perfume for the but a cream will give you more final lift.

This charming girl (left) uses a soft powder blending brush so her skin will appear smooth. Below, she covers up a little blemish with a "spot stick" of tinted foundation cream before going to the dance.



protection if the weather is crisp or blustery.

Into this, blend your rouge. Go easy on the rouge. The cold air may nip your cheeks and make them naturally rosy, or it may make your natural warmth and rosinness recede, leaving your skin unusually clear and little extras that will serve for an emergency that might arise when you are dressing for the evening party.

Final Touches

Powder generously, patting it well into the foundation with a warm, glowing shade of powder puff or cotton. Wait for a minute, then take your soft-bristled evening and the right shade of rouge and lipstick. Tuck in mascara and eye shadow, and be sure to include a powder blending brush and a stick of tinted foundation preparation to cover up skin blemishes or pimples if one appears.

Use a dry mascara brush to remove stray flecks of powder from your lashes and eyebrows. Then, to complete their grooming, brush with a small amount of brown eyelash cream or petroleum jelly. Smooth a little on your lids, too, to protect them from the cold. Better omit mascara. The cold might bring tears to your eyes and a mascara-smudged face won't appeal to your hero.

You are now ready for an exciting afternoon. Your make-up will last, so do not try to retouch it. Dress warmly, so your face won't turn blue from the cold.

After the game, if you must go to a tea or dinner without a chance to change or renew your make-up, go to a washroom and put cold water over your face and eyes. Blot dry with a clean towel or leave on for ten minutes. Wipe off facial tissues, and renew your complexion with tissues. Your skin plexion powder. This simple measure will feel very soft to the touch, but will do a lot to freshen you and not greasy. Put on your foundation, revive your spirits. Tidy your hair. You can use a liquid powder base, and add a touch of perfume for the but a cream will give you more final lift.

Pie-Dish Apples

APPLE crisp is ideal when you want a pudding that is quick and easy to make and neither very light nor substantial. Peel and slice four large cooking apples and put them into a casserole with about half a teaspoonful of water. Sprinkle with a teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, and spread over the top a mixture of quarter of a teaspoonful of flour, 2 tablespoonfuls of margarine, and 2 tablespoonfuls of caster sugar, worked to a crumbly consistency.

Bake uncovered in a hot oven for an hour. Serve with hot custard. For cracker apples use six cream crackers biscuits, or if a more economical pudding is required, an equivalent amount of dry bread made crisp in the oven.

Place a layer over the bottom of a buttered pie-dish and cover with a layer of thinly-sliced apples, a little grated lemon rind, and a few drops of lemon juice. Spread over the apples a little raspberry or other jam, and a few pats of margarine. Cover with the rest of the biscuits or bread, pour in about three tablespoonfuls of water, add a few more pats of margarine, and bake in a hot oven for an hour. Serve alone or with hot custard.

W. B.

Renovating Your Wardrobe

THIS is the time of year, when we think our clothes are in need of a little refurbishing. We want them to look a little smarter.

When we are planning any renovation with regard to our clothes let us see that it is designed to make them brighter or more colourful and gayer than before. It should always be remembered, too, that the best renovations do not look like renovations at all but appear to be a most important part of the dress itself.

The vogue for vividly-coloured plaid is a great help in refurbishing a dress or suit. A wide belt of plaid wool, with a large buckle of the plaid material, looks smart on a dark, plain wool dress. The sleeve linings, or the buttons, may be of plaid to match, while if the dress boasts a small bolero this may be lined entirely of the plaid fabric.

If your suit wants a new blouse, then let it be a noteworthy affair of very bright silk or satin in many colours. Blouses of striped wool, or a plain, collarless sweater knitted of thick wool in a bright colour are also fashionable.

Or what about a waistcoat made of felt, fur or fur fabric? This, too, is very smart, and quite easy to

Try An Oil Shampoo

HAIR which is in a bad condition is very difficult to arrange becomingly, but it generally succumbs to a little regular treatment.

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So every eight or nine days over a period of three or four weeks give your head an oil treatment before shampoo. This treatment is also very helpful towards the removal of dandruff.

Warm some olive oil, dip a piece of cotton wool in it and rub it all over the scalp, making a series of partings in the hair for this purpose. Then massage the oil well into the scalp with the finger-tips, and wrap up the hair in a warm towel for an hour or so.

Meanwhile, stir three ounces of pure, mild soap into just over a pint of hot water until it is melted, and allow it to cool a little before using.

Now shampoo the hair with this soap, rubbing it well into the scalp, rinsing it off, and then making a second application. Rinse the hair thoroughly before drying.

Without Soap

Between these oil treatments the hair should be given a yolk of egg shampoo, which will clean the scalp and leave the hair soft and shining.

For this, no soap is used, which is sometimes an advantage where dry hair is concerned.

Two egg yolks are beaten up in a cup of distilled water. The hair is then parted and the parting gently scrubbed with a rubber brush or a soft nail brush dipped in the egg. Another parting is made just above, the egg mixture scrubbed into it, and so on until the scalp has been covered.

Then the scalp is massaged and the hair combed lightly, so that the egg mixture is distributed all over it. Rub the hair together for a moment, and then rinse it in several lots of clean, warm water.

Brushing is undoubtedly good for the hair—also it helps to keep it clean, which is absolutely essential if you want it to be at its healthiest. But the brushing has to be done so that the hair is tugged away from the scalp if it is to be beneficial. It does not help matters to use a very stiff brush and bang the bristles on the scalp at every stroke. Instead the hair should be parted and brushed away from the direction in which it grows, the side of the brush being used.

M. M.

SHORT CUTS

Small pickled onions go well with fish.

Keep some silver polish in a salt shaker at the sink to remove stains on silver in a hurry.

Hints To Remember

DURING damp foggy weather, rub brass door-steps and letter-boxes with a cloth dipped in olive-oil, so that when a bright day arrives it only needs rubbing off and cleaning in the ordinary way as the oil has prevented discoloration.

To save the coal-scuttle from being dented, cut a circle of linoleum the same size as its base, and put it at the bottom. This not only acts as a pad, but also prevents rust marks.

The risk of slipping on a step-ladder is greatly minimised by making a strip of emery paper to nail on each step.

A neat saucepan lid "rest" can be made by fixing dresser-hooks to the under-side of the saucepan shelf, placing every two hooks just far enough apart for a lid to be slipped between.

Broken clothes-pegs make excellent window wedges, and are useful for keeping the oven-door tightly shut if the catch has worn loose.

Place a piece of blotting-paper at the bottom of a salt-cellar and it will prevent the salt becoming damp in wet weather.

Before using a glass flower-holder, place corks cut in half underneath it. This will raise it sufficiently to allow water to get beneath it, so enabling the flowers to have more water and a longer life.

Organdie or muslin can be restored and made easy to iron by adding one tablespoonful of methylated spirit to each pint of rinsing water. Dry and iron as usual.

Scorch marks on linen are best removed by rubbing them with a freshly-cut onion, and soaking the material afterwards in cold water. Similar marks on cotton fabrics can be removed with a little bicarbonate of soda mixed into a paste with cold water.

If a ceiling is discoloured, cover the marks with a thick starch solution and leave until dry. When it is brushed off the marks will have disappeared.

If new shoes are difficult to polish rub them all over with a cut lemon and leave until quite dry, when they can be easily polished.

To clean a saucepan that has been scorched by food adhering to it, sprinkle some dry baking powder in it and allow to stand for a while, when it can be easily removed.

G. G. T.

Concerning Eyebrows

WE all know how much can be told by the mere raising or lowering of the brow. It is this feature that gives the eye its subtle shading in merriment, despair, or calm repose. Eyebrows are a very important feature. Remove them from a photograph plate and you realise what they mean to a face.

We have gone through an era of overwhelming arching of eyebrows, which still may be all right for a rare individual, but fairly ludicrous on others. But the most important thing in connection with current beauty is the natural line of brow played to the hilt.

Eyebrows are eyebrows once again, and not to be mistaken for anything except eyebrows. So the tweezed brows, shaved to a point far above the natural line, look like a last year's number really. It is not a blank expression you endow your face with this year, but one displaying a live, warm personality, with character. This good line of eyebrow gives that to the face.

R. H.



The wasp waist achieved by a set-in hand in a blue and white polka dot cotton frock piped in white. Shirred shoulders, big patch pockets, down the front buttons, collarless neckline are smart.

Keep Your Scissors "Exclusive"

SCISSORS are exclusive by nature. Manicure scissors for instance, object to being used for opening a tin, even though it may not contain sardines, but face powder. In fact, the more you can keep each pair of scissors for its own particular work, the better it will serve you.

Keep manicure scissors in a little case, even though it is only a triangular one made from two pieces of old suede or velvet. The fact of your having to take them out of their home will remind you to keep them for one purpose only, and you'll soon get into the habit of refraining from using them for anything else but nails.

Cutting-out and embroidery scissors should also be protected from everyday use, and it is a good plan to have a small pair attached by string to your work tidy for snipping off cotton ends, etc. It is well to remember that for unpicking purposes a razor blade is more satisfactory than scissors in every way.

If there are children in the house, keep a blunt-nosed pair with name-tape attached on a special hook in the kitchen for their personal use. This makes them feel that this pair is their own private property, and they will take a pride in keeping the blades free from paste, or anything else that is liable to spoil them.

A special pair of kitchen scissors should also be kept in the kitchen by the sink, for these specially-made ones are invaluable for cutting up peel, raisins, bacon rind, and so on.

Hang up an old pair of scissors in a prominent position in the kitchen or scullery for cutting flower stems and a hundred and one other uses. Keep an old pair in the string box, too.

The home dressmaker can provide herself with a pair of shears which pink as they cut.

Keep your scissors sharpened, and if you cannot have this done professionally, cut them gently on to a steel knitting needle. You will find this very effective.

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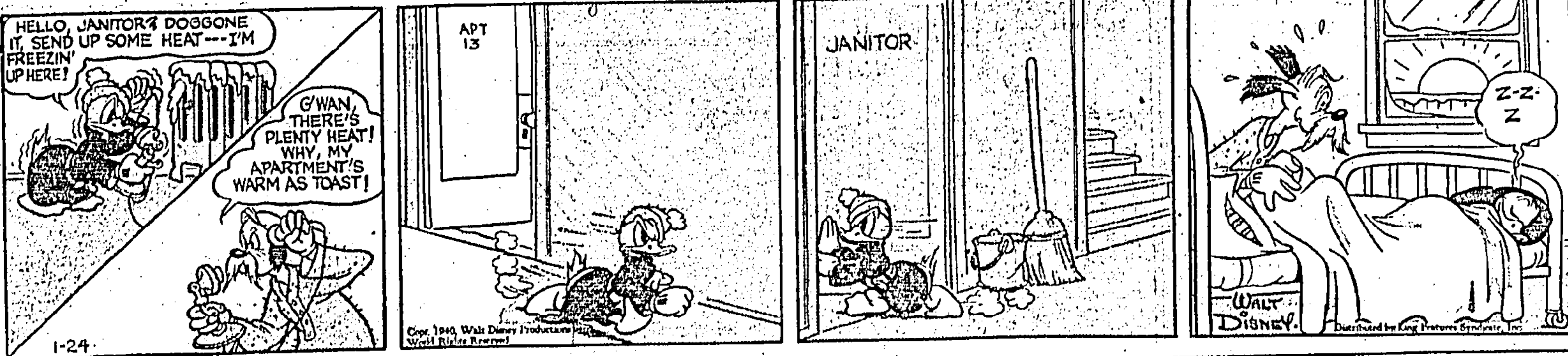
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There is always something festive about a chicken dinner, and fried chicken gets a particularly warm welcome. The platter of fried goodness pictured here has an olive and onion garnish. Corn fritters also are a nice garnish for fried chicken and a suitable accompaniment to other chicken dishes.

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VIVID tales of heroism abound on every page of the River Plate battle supplement to the "London Gazette."

Midshipman Archibald Cameron and Able Seaman G. Gwilliam, of the Exeter, for instance. An 11-inch shell burst near them, setting a locker of live ammunition ablaze and causing it to explode. Another ammunition locker took fire and a second explosion seemed inevitable. But Cameron and Gwilliam smothered both fires and throw overboard the unexploded shells and cartridges, which were still hot and in danger of exploding. "Gwilliam showed no regard for his own safety," says the official account. Cameron gets the D.S.C.; Gwilliam the C.G.M.

R. PLATE BATTLE SUPPLEMENT TO "LONDON GAZETTE"—ON HEROISM

H.M.S. AJAX

HERE is the list of the awards to the Ajax men who fought in the River Plate battle.

D.S.O.

Captain Douglas H. Everett, for his work as Commander.

Lieut. Ian Dudley DeAlth, Royal Marines, who, in charge of a turret when an 11-inch shell passed through the working chamber below, went at once to the hatch, which had been blown open and was piling out sparks and smoke, to find out the damage.

D.S.C.

Lieut.-Com. Desmond P. Dwyer, who, as Gunner Officer of the ship, controlled the fire with great skill and ensured the high efficiency of his department.

Lieut. Norman Kelson Todd, who carried out navigating duties with the utmost coolness and accuracy throughout the action.

Lieut. Edgar D. G. Lewin, who was catapulted after the action had started when the airworthiness of his aircraft was in doubt.

W. Eng. Arthur P. Monk, who made all preparations for catapulting the aircraft.

Wt. Shipwright Frank Henry Thomas Pantier, who, when knocked down and wounded by the explosion of an 11-inch shell, went at once to the centre of the damage, where he encouraged and directed repair parties.

Gunner Reginald C. Biggs, who, in charge of a turret, dealt very well with the failure of one ammunition hoist, and by his zeal and energy saw to it that his guns fired all they could in the time.

D.S.M.

Albert E. Fuller, Petty Officer, who was in charge of an electrical repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst, putting out all lights and causing much damage to electrical gear.

William G. Dorring, Chief Mechanician (2nd Class), who was in charge of the Stokers' Fire and Repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst, cutting pipes and starting fires.

Bertram Wood and Frank E. Monk, Stokers (1st Class), who showed special bravery, presence of mind and forwardness in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near them.

Duncan Graham, Shipwright (Third Class), who set a magnificent example by his courage near severe damage.

James W. Jenkins, Electrical Artificer (Third Class), who showed special presence of mind in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near him.

Raymond G. Cook, Sergeant, Royal Marines, who showed great initiative in carrying out orders when a turret was severely hit and fires and casualties occurred.

Thomas S. Reginald Norman Buckley, Marine, who when a turret was hit showed great efficiency in ensuring the safety of the ammunition.

Clarence H. Charles Gorton, Petty Officer, who, being in charge of a turret, worked hard and well, and ensured the maximum output from his turret throughout the action.

John W. Hill, Petty Officer, who, as director in-charge, carried out his most important duties with great skill.

Leonard G. Curd, Leading Seaman, who carried out most important fire control duties usually performed by an officer.

Robert D. Macey, Able Seaman, who, being in charge of a shell room, ensured that there was no delay in ammunition supply in the turret.

Robert McClarnan, Able Seaman, who, being in charge of a magazine, set a fine example of skilful work.

Richard O. Perry, Stoker (1st Class), who worked with energy, skill and initiative in making repairs to the catapult motor during action.

H.M.S. ACHILLES

ALL these men fought in the Achilles and have been honoured.

D.S.O.

Com. Douglas M. L. Neame, Commander of the ship.

D.S.C.

Lieut. George G. Cowburn, who handles the ship with the utmost skill and coolness and was undismayed when the Commanding Officer and Chief Yeoman of Signals were wounded alongside him.

The Ship's immunity from being hit was mainly due to him.

Surg.-Lieut. Collin G. Hunter, who was very junior for the responsible duty of Principal Medical Officer. He is a New Zealander.

Gunner Harry T. Burchell, who, throughout the first action and the sixteen-hour chase which followed, carried out his duties with the greatest zeal and efficiency.

D.S.M.

Leslie Hood, Acting Chief Mechanician (Second Class), who was most helpful in the engine room, and showed zeal and energy throughout the action.

William Job Wain, Chief Stoker, who was, in the words of one of the staff of "A" boiler room, an "inspiration and help to them all."

Lincoln C. Martinson, Chief Yeoman of Signals, seriously wounded, and in great pain, he continued to inquire after the welfare of the visual signals department.

William L. Brewer, Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist, whose coolness and ability, when under fire, in repairing damage to wireless equipment on the upper deck and below decks resulted in Achilles' wireless being in full working order again in a very short time.

George H. Sampson, Chief Ordnance Artificer (First Class), whose skilful maintenance of the gun armament material secured that at the end of the action all guns were fully in action and all hoists working.

William G. Young, Cook, whose cheerful demeanour were an inspiration to the rest of his quarters during the whole of this action and the 16-hour chase.

Frank T. Saunders, Sergeant, R.M., who acted with courage and initiative throughout the engagement, overcoming each difficulty and breakdown as it occurred.

BRITISH REQUEST TO JAPAN

Want Gambling Dens In S'hai Closed

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Robert Morgan, said that the Prime Minister's Government to press the Japanese Government to get on with the work of establishing order in China did not indicate a change of policy of the Government towards the Sino-Japanese war, nor approval of Japanese aggression.

It referred to the suppression of gambling houses and similar establishments in the western area of Shanghai.

Answer Reiterated.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. David Adams asked:

"Has the Government, in favouring pressure on Japan to re-establish order in China, taken into consideration the fact that order in China was primarily disturbed by the Japanese and whether such a recommendation to Japan implies a departure from the attitude of the Government hitherto taken on the war in China?"

Mr. R. A. Butler referred to his reply given to a similar question put by Mr. Morgan, and repeated that there was no change in the Government's policy, which remains as stated in the House of Commons on January 31 and February 24.

H.M.S. EXETER

HERE is the Exeter's list of decorations, apart from those mentioned above:—

D.S.O.

Com. Robert R. Graham, the commander of the Exeter. Com. (E) Charles E. Simms, who, by his zeal and energy, brought his engines to full power in record time, and set a fine example to his fellows.

D.S.C.

Com. Charles Smith, who showed great calm and resource when communications had failed and after the action worked tirelessly to repair electrical damage although wounded in the leg.

Com. Richard B. Jennings, who throughout the action controlled the main armament with great skill. When only one turret was left in action he tried to spot from the after control position, though standing over the muzzles of the guns.

Lieut. Aidan E. Tease, Royal Marines, who was very active and resourceful in assisting to render the turret safe after it had been hit by an 11-inch shell.

Surg.-Lieut. Roger W. G. Lancashire, who during the action and throughout the passage to the Falklands, worked unceasingly without sleep.

Midshipman Robert W. D. Don, who, throughout the action showed great calm, resource and initiative, especially in running hoses into the burning Marines' barracks, in fighting a fire over the lower steering position, and in rescuing the wounded.

W. Ship, Charles E. Rendle, who controlled the shoring up and general repairs to the after section of the ship during the action.

D.S.M.

James McGarry, Engine Room Artificer (2nd Class), who on his own initiative at the beginning of the action flooded the petrol compartment.

After the two shellbursts near him and in dense fumes, with dead and dying around him, himself blown against a bulkhead and temporarily stunned, he maintained complete charge.

Frank L. Bond, Engine Room Artificer (4th Class), who, on a shell entering the flat in which he was, stood fast in the dense fumes, and, waiting until the last man was reported clear of a magazine, then flooded it.

Arthur B. Wilde, Sergeant, who, ordering the evacuation of a turret after the gun-house had been hit by an eleven-inch shell, calmly put a tourniquet of rope round the stump of a Marine's arm. He then returned to the gun-house, put out a fire, removed and threw a charge of cordite overboard.

Herbert V. Chalkley, Acting Petty Officer, whose work with the fire parties was outstanding.

Charles D. Pope, Sick Berth Chief Petty Officer, who displayed great coolness, initiative and cheerful optimism despite the floods in the Sick Bay.

Charles F. Hallas, Petty Officer, wounded at the start of the action, remained at his station until after the action, when he was then reported to be dealing with fires on deck and helping the wounded.

John L. Minihuet, Stoker, 1st Class, who, when taken wounded to the After Medical Station, refused all attention until he was certain that the message he had been carrying had been delivered.

George A. Shoemith, Acting Leading Airman, who on his own initiative, despite his clothing being soaked in petrol, climbed on to the top of the centre section of the aircraft, and cleared a stay which had fallen across it, thus freeing the aircraft for jettisoning.

George E. Smith, Plumber, 3rd Class, who shortly after an explosion in the Chief Petty Officers' Flat, took a party of Stokers there to free the Main Switchboard Room's hatch.

Frederick Knight, Joiner, 3rd Class, who, while bleeding in the face and

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The men—civilian internees—had taken up the floor boards of their hut and were found scraping at the earth with improvised tools.

William E. Green, Petty Officer, who, when the upper steering position was put out of action started off to see that the after steering position was correct, on his way he was seriously wounded.

Joseph A. Rootkey, Chief Mechanician (2nd Class), whose work was outstanding among all those on the catapult platforms jettisoning the aircraft.

Alfred J. Ball, Able Seaman, who when taken wounded to the fore medical station himself gave first aid to the other wounded.

Stephen J. Smith, Petty Officer, whose prompt action in running emergency circuits to a turret and the after steering motor helped to maintain the ship in action.

Thomas G. Phillips, Engine Room Artificer (3rd Class), who got the two extra dynamos on load in record time.

Sidney A. Carter, Master-at-Arms, who, though wounded early in the action, carried on in the after medical party.

Eric T. Dakin, Sick Berth Attendant, who had been in the ship only a week, having been lent from H.M.S. Ajax, his first ship.

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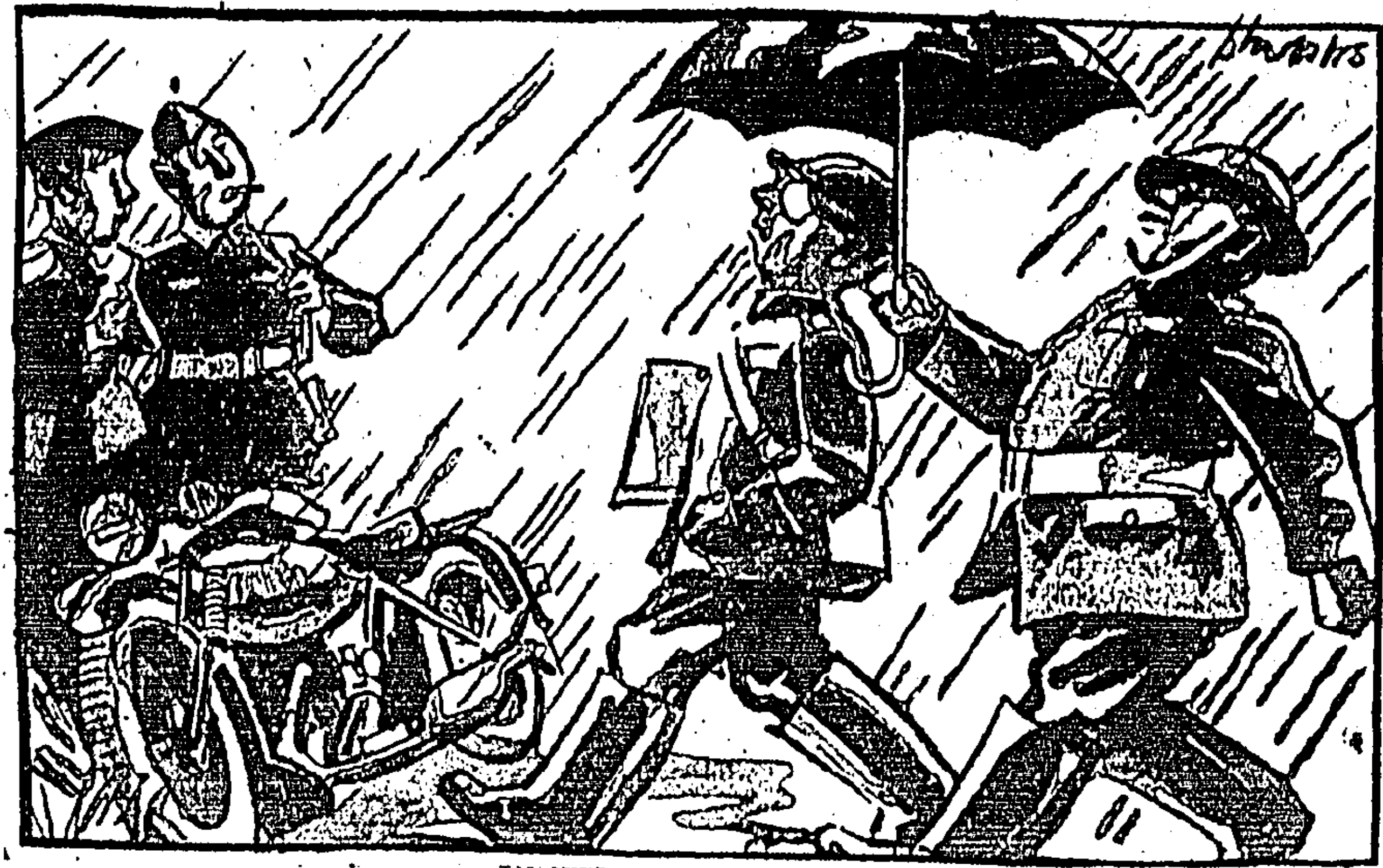
War Songs

THE complaint has been made
that the war songs which
have come to the fore in the last
few months are too trivial and
undignified; some of them are
further described as being forced
and artificial.The prime favourite of the last
war was "Tipperary," the dignity
of which might be hard to dis-
cover at first, yet it acquired in
time a dignity of its own, and for
many people an inexpressible
pathos which made it little short
of sacred.Perhaps, therefore, we should
be cautious in criticising the
songs our soldiers are singing.
They will certainly choose the
melodies and words that please
them best, without regard to the
opinions of the critics. First
place thus far seems to have
been given to "Roll Out the
Barrel." Not much dignity is to
be discovered there! The song
may even be a source of annoy-
ance to musicians and of acute
distress to temperance cam-
paigners. But surely the first
100,000—or 200,000—cannot be
wrong?When the soldiers show a dis-
tinct preference for this musical
exhortation, the mere civilian
can only comment, "So let it be!"
In any case, whatever the
soldiers' choice in songs for this
second affair with the Germans,
it is surely preferable that their
vocalism should prove a dis-
inclination to take themselves or
the dangers of their job too
seriously, rather than that they
should give themselves over to
dull, humourless chanting about
the "Fatherland," which is all
the marching music in which
Nazi legions are permitted to
indulge?Had Nazism been capable of
singing "Roll Out the Barrel,"Strategy
of
SiegfriedIt would be a mistake at this
stage of the war to under-
estimate the strength of the Siegfried Line. It is tremendously
strong."Line" is a misleading word,
and should not be used. The
series of positions, and the "Siegfried-Stellung" is therefore the
exact opposite of the rows of
static trenches, with their com-
munications to support and re-
serves, which those of us who
served in the Great War remem-
ber on the Somme.Siegfried tactics are quite sim-
ple.First, you beguile your enemy
into forward zones which are
filled with minefields, pill-boxes
and machine-gun nests.Second, if he has managed to
penetrate so far, you engage him
in a forward battle zone.Third, you harass him in a rear-
ward battle zone.Finally, if his reserves have not
been completely used up by this
time, you lure him into your
counter-attack zone. It is on the
last-named that the whole system
is based.Well-planned counter-attacks
are difficult to withstand. A pause
of exhaustion must follow, leaving
the initiative in the hands of the
defenders.SO much for the strength of the
Siegfried positions, but what
of their weaknesses?The system has certain dis-
advantages from the defender's
point of view. Pill-boxes, ma-
chine-gun nests, and concrete
strong points must be manned by
small garrisons which may be-
come isolated.They live under conditions of
the utmost discomfort, they must
go "over the top" every night to
obtain their rations, they cannot
be frequently relieved. If their
main lines of communication in
the rear are threatened by heavy
gunfire, whole areas of these
positions can be starved out.In many places on the Western
Front the Siegfried positions are
15 to 20 miles in depth. They run
from Switzerland to Belgium,
through the Rhine flood area,
where the French watched with
anxiety the spring while the
Germans fought desperately to
save their forts and casemates
from disaster. How far, there-
fore, is this great zonal depth of
value in defence?It is obvious that to man even
the forward zones against possi-
ble attack at any point must em-
ploy enormous numbers of men.
The opposite is the case with
regard to the French Maginot
Line, where a large mobile army
can be moved quickly behind it
from one point to another.The Siegfried positions have got
to be retained. An army must
keep its counter-attack troops in
the places chosen for them, and
there is then not much room for
manoeuvre.Provided your enemy does
exactly what you expect him to
do, all is well, but if he does some-
thing different, as General Gamelin
has done in the Saar Valley, the
whole zonal system may be upset.Napoleon said that the transi-
tion from the defensive to the
offensive is one of the most deli-
cate operations in war. He
knew!THIS war will test many
theories. The power of
defensive weapons has increased
to such an extent that if one side
or the other attacks positions in
which the enemy is ready and
prepared the result will be dis-
astrous. If, on the other hand,
manoeuvre is found once more to
be possible, huge defensive areas,
the work of years of careful plan-
ning, may become useless.Possibly the assistance of air
forces will be found to have made
all the difference. Allied planes
have flown over the Siegfried
positions and photographed them
from every angle; there is little
about them which is unknown to
the General Staffs.Allied planes can swoop down
on the German counter-attack
divisions and upset their concen-
trations on the roads by machine
gunning and bombing.Let us therefore discard our
preconceived theories about Ger-
man "lines" and "walls" of de-
fence. The Siegfried "positions"
are different. Although tremen-
dously strong, they are by no means
impregnable.

T. A. LOWE

or a German equivalent, there
might have been no war. Who
knows? The portentous gravity
of the leaders of the Nazi creed,
their utter lack of humour, and
their inability to laugh or smile,
are sure symptoms of the
politico-mental disease that is
largely responsible for Europe's
present travail.

SAPPER PHIPPS On Active Service



"He used to be a commissioner. . ."

He led the
Czechs to
FreedomTO-DAY is the 90th an-
niversary of the birth
of T. G. Masaryk, the first
president of the Czecho-
Slovak Republic, who died
in Sept., 1937.It was he who led the
Czechs in their revolt
against the Hapsburgs and
who, as President of the
Czecho-Slovak Republic,
consolidated the state and
made it the bulwark of
liberalism and democracy in
Central Europe.His birthday will be observed
in all parts of the world.This anniversary will be ob-
served with great enthusiasm
and deep sincerity in those
places where Czechs are free to
give expression to their feelings,
and in Czecho-Slovakia itself it
will certainly not pass un-
observed.According to reports which
have been received, the German
Army of occupation and the
Gestapo have received instruc-
tions to prevent a repetition of
the outbreaks that occurred on
October 28: Czecho-Slovak In-
dependence Day.It was as a result of these
riots that more than 100
students were executed and a
further 2,000, together with
their professors, were conveyed
to concentration camps.CZECHO-SLOVAKIA has now
got its own government
under President Benes, and its
own army fighting under its
own officers in France. In the
United States and in Great
Britain and France there are
properly organised departments
which carry on the affairs of
the Czecho-Slovak government,
but the headquarters of the
National Council for the time
being are in Chicago.The spirit of Czecho-Slovakia
lives on and is bound to emerge
triumphant in the end, for the
tradition is strong coming
through such great men as Com-
enius and established once
again firmly by Masaryk, that
tall handsome hero who worked
his way up against great odds,
entered two universities Leipzig
and Vienna, became a professor
in Prague University where he
revived the true Czech spirit
which he himself expressed so
finely, and, finally, became the
liberator of the Czechs and
Slovaks and founder of the New
Republic.MASARYK in 1917 wandered
from country to country
rallying his forces. In Russia
he collected into three divisions
all those Czechs who found
themselves in that country,ordered them to make that his-
toric journey right acrossSiberia to Vladivostok where
they embarked for Europe.Masaryk received a warm
welcome in Chicago when he
visited that city in his journey
back to Europe. The city has
always been a strong Czech
centre and therefore he received
generous assistance.The defeat of the Germans in
1918 paved the way for the in-
dependent state of Czecho-
Slovakia which had been up till
then merged into the Austrian-
Hungarian State. Masaryk had
a difficult task for he had to
steer between the reactionaries
on the one side and the Com-
munists on the other.He was drawn into the orbit
of the French and British de-
mocracies, because his whole
training led him that way.
Moreover, his wife was an
American lady of Huguenot
descent.From 1918 to 1937 he slowly
and methodically built up the
state on liberal lines, as an out-
post of the democracies in the
heart of Europe. The trade of
the country flourished and its
productions reached every part
of the world. Buta, Skoda and
Pilsen were household words
which showed how enterprising
those people were.THE annexation of Austria
however in 1938 sealed the
doom of Czecho-Slovakia, since
it exposed its flank and soon its
turn to be swallowed up came
on the 15th of March, that fatal
day of 1939.It was the crowning
treachery, this violation by
Hitler of his pledge given to Mr.
Chamberlain six months before
at Munich, that really pre-
cipitated the present war, since
it was clearly evident that the
word of the Nazi leader could
in no circumstances be trusted.The inclusion of Czecho-
Slovakia within the Austro-
Hungarian Empire lasted as
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MAC'S BIG GAME

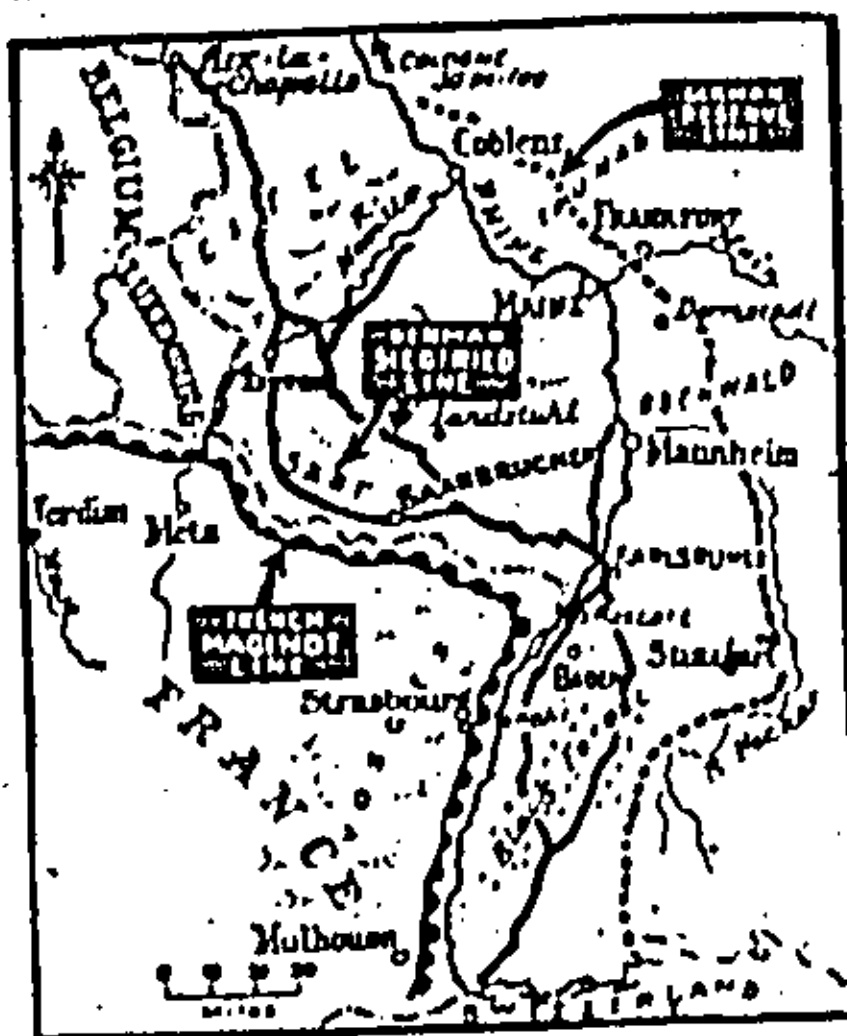
I HAD not seen Mac for many years
when I ran across him by chance
in Bahia. He had been an enter-
taining fellow at school, so I was quite
pleased when he asked me to his
house for lunch.After a pleasant meal we sat in a
cool room from which we could look
down on the blue water of the At-
lantic, drinking iced whisky, and think
that the tropics were not so bad after
all.After a time our talk turned to
hunting, and Mac pointed to a fine
big spotted skin which served as a
rug on one corner of the polished
floor."Do you see that skin?" said Mac.
"That jaguar nearly got me before I
got it."He took another long drink of
whisky, sat back in his chair and told
the story."It was in Matto Grosso," he went
on. "I was spending the night in a
small cabin and the door had no lock.
I was all alone, but I did not feel
there was any special danger, and
when I lay down I had my rifle be-
side me. As an extra precaution I
put my revolver under my pillow,
and then fell fast asleep.""I had been sleeping for a good
time when I was awakened by a soft
movement. I turned over on my side
and looked towards the door. You
can imagine how I felt when I saw
a full grown jaguar standing in the
moonlight.""Little by little I reached out for
my rifle. I had it ready and was
just about to fire when the beast
leapt. Before I had time to press
the trigger the brute had leaped out
and knocked the rifle from my
hands.""To my surprise it did not im-
mediately attack me again but stood
back, its tail lashing furiously. Then
I remembered my revolver. I drew
it quickly from beneath my pillow
and cocked. Again, before I could
fire the beast leapt, and again my
firearm was smashed from my hand.
The blow threw the revolver across
the room, and in a second of time I
realised I was lost. Almost at the
same moment a shot rang out and
the jaguar fell to the ground.""It was only after some minutes
that I understood what had hap-
pened. The revolver had struck
against the wall and gone off. The
jaguar had literally shot himself."Mac looked at the spotted skin
fondly and took another whisky.That was some years ago. Last
week I met a friend who is just
home from India."Do you know whom I met out
there?" he said. "Old Mac!"

I expressed my surprise.

"Yes," said my friend from India.
"And he's had some thrilling times,
too. He had a narrow escape from
a leopard not so long ago. He was
sleeping alone in his bungalow when
the beast came in. It attacked him,
and during the struggle Mac's re-
volver went spinning across the
room and struck the wall. The gun
went off and the leopard fell dead.
Shot through the heart!"That spotted skin seems to be
serving Mac very well. I do not
know whether he intends going to
Africa or not, but I think he should.
You see, the spotted skin once
covered an African leopard, and he
might as well have the whole story
right.

Miller Watson

SELENGA DETENTION IN HONGKONG RUSSIANS DEMAND RELEASE OF SHIP



Red Ambassador Sees Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MARCH 6 (UP).—THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. MAISKY, CALLED ON THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE TO-DAY AND INSISTED ON THE PROMPT RELEASE OF THE 2,492-TON SOVIET FREIGHTER SELENGA, WHICH HAS BEEN DETAINED IN HONGKONG SINCE JANUARY 13.

It is understood that the Minister, Mr. Ronald Cross, has assured M. Maisky that the question of the Selenga's detention will be settled soon.

Mr. Cross did not, however, indicate the nature of the settlement.

The Selenga, which is owned by the Soviet Government, was brought into Hongkong harbour on January 13 by a unit of the Royal Navy.

Saito To Be Expelled

Sequel To Criticism
Of Government

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Disciplinary Committee of the Diet held a meeting in camera to-day and unanimously voted for the expulsion of Mr. Saito, the Diet member who recently created a furore with his criticism of Government policy.

The recommendation will be taken up at the House plenary session in camera to-morrow.

Approval of the recommendation is a foregone conclusion.

only one small point in the front lines where they were flanked on both sides by the French," the D.N.B. report said.

French Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Germans to-day attacked the British sector after a very violent mortar bombardment to which the Allies replied, dispersing the enemy.

Meanwhile, at Alsace, there has been artillery activity and German patrol attacks have been repulsed by cannon and machine guns.

British Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The War Office announced: "A raid was carried out on March 5 on a British post in the Maginot sector under cover of a barrage of mortar and machine-gun fire at dawn. The enemy entered a post held by part of a platoon of infantry where they killed a Sergeant Major.

The Germans left one dead and several of our men are missing."

'Stand To' Warning To B.E.F. Advance Forces

NAZI OFFENSIVE
THOUGHT NEAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Passed by Field Censor in France, Mar. 6 (UP).—All officers and men with the advanced air and land striking forces have been warned that the present lull cannot be expected to continue indefinitely with the improvement in the weather and the consequent improvement in the chances of a sudden German offensive.

Officers and men have been instructed that their respirators, steel helmets and anti-gas clothing must be kept ready for instant use and that their rifles and revolvers must be carried when they are travelling.

Air raid drill has become a regular routine. All personnel have been ordered to wear their respirators for at least half-an-hour each week.

Western Front Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—The German High Command's communiqué to-day stated: "East of Moselle a patrol to-day captured an English emplacement, inflicting severe losses, and taking 16 prisoners."

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) declares that the British also lost 20 dead while the Germans lost only one.

"Through courageous German patrol action it was found that the British apparently were employed at

THIS PHOTOGRAPH TYPIFIES Nazi warfare against neutral shipping.

The vessel above has been located in a sinking condition off the mouth of the Thames by an R.A.F. aircraft of the Coast Command, which keeps vigilant watch while rescues were effected by naval patrols.

This is one of several pictures of the sinking vessel (others show the crew in the act of being rescued by a warship) which have just been issued by the Air Ministry.

This incident is a typical example of the work of the R.A.F. Coastal Command.—*British Official Photograph. Copyright Reserved.*

HOLLAND-REICH AIR SERVICE

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Berlin-Amsterdam air mail service which was suspended at the outbreak of war, it is understood, will be resumed on Monday.

It will be operated by German Lufthansa, whose planes will also carry freight, but the approval of the Dutch Minister of Waterways has yet to be obtained.

Meanwhile negotiations are continuing between K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines) and Lufthansa for the resumption of passenger service between the two capitals.

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CONTRABAND CONTROL PROTEST

Italian Students' Demonstration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
FLORENCE, Mar. 6 (UP).—Carabinieri to-day dispersed a large band of Italian students who were

demonstrating in front of the British Consulate in protest against the British contraband control involving Italian coal ships.

The ninth Italian ship, the Liana (6,400 tons) carrying German coal has been detained in the Downs.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states that the collier Loasso has been released because she left port prior to March 2. The others are lying at anchor in the Downs awaiting orders from the contraband control authorities and the outcome of diplomatic exchanges.

It has been learned from reliable sources that the British reply to Italy will reject the protest in effect because the Italian protest challenged

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YOU MAY NOT KNOW

There have been frequent references to the British Contraband Control operating in The Downs. What is, or are, The Downs?

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Nazis Try To Explain Away Warfare Against Innocents

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—Germany has officially warned neutral powers that she will accept no responsibility for German planes sinking neutral ships being forced into enemy control ports.

"The responsibility lies in the fact that the neutral vessels are conducted to control ports by enemy convoys and can thus be attacked, according to international law, with the rest of the entire enemy," the announcement said.

Spokesman Not Convincing

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Neutral ships are liable to be attacked by Nazi planes if they are accompanied by Allied vessels, an official spokesman told neutral correspondents in Berlin to-day.

The spokesman declared that it is usually very difficult, if not impossible, for airmen to ascertain whether neutral ships are being accompanied merely by chance, of their own free will, or under compulsion. In the latter event, Allied vessels must bear responsibility for the consequences, the spokesman added.

German airmen had strict instructions to refrain from any warfare action against neutral ships unaccompanied by enemy vessels and there was no question of indiscriminate shooting or bombing.

Machine-gun fire would be directed against the bows of ships to warn the captain to stop or show his flag. If the warning was regarded or the ship was prepared to defend itself, it would immediately be attacked. Recent attacks on Dutch ships were carried out because they had extinguished their lights, which was regarded as an act of resistance, and also because they were accompanied by enemy warships.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Maxine Elliott, the famous American actress, at her home in the French Riviera.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

REVIEW OF Right Wing Combination And Wing Halves Are Still A Problem

IN AN INTERPORT TRIAL held on the Club ground, King's Park, last Sunday, Colours and White drew 2-2, after positional changes were made in both attacks after the interval. In the first half, the White who looked to be the Probables, led by a goal scored by Partaub Singh. The Colours, however, gave their rivals quite as much as they received.

The display on the whole was moderately good, and if one took form in this trial as a guide, it would appear that the Selectors have still a problem to solve with the Colony right wing combination and wing halves.

Benwell, in goal for the Colours, got through a lot of useful work, and with the exception of the only blunder he made, which resulted in a goal—the ball was cleared to an opponent instead of into touch—his display on the whole was superior to Souza's. The latter, though sound in his clearances, was always slow to advance.

The Whites' backs, V. Bond and Datta Ram, formed a better combination to that of J. Gonsalves and R. J. Reed, though the last named gave a very sound exhibition.

There was little to choose between the halves, except that W. A. Reed, Whites' centre-half, and T. Alves, Colours' left-half, were the pick of their lines.

Among the forwards, the Whites' left wing combination of Narain and Partaub Singh was the highlight of both attacks; they showed plenty of dash and shooting power.

In the second half, young Lockhart was seen in goal in place of Benwell. R. Marques relieved Krishna Singh, at right half, who injured his thumb, and the Colours' attack consisted of Shah Wali, Pritam Nath, G. H. Fowler, E. Fowler and J. Soares. Whites' attack was S. A. Fowler, Gemmell, Homburg, Narain and Partaub Singh.

Within ten minutes, Soares, in a solo effort on the left wing, beat Hook and later Bond, to equalise for the Colours. Souza was slow in advancing, and was well beaten by Colours soon after took the lead through E. Fowler, who scored from a pass off Pritam Nath. 2-1.

Lockhart and Souza exchanged places in goal, and the latter, though saving some certainties, was again beaten by Homburg, through an error by Gonsalves and R. J. Reed, the backs, and the Whites drew level 2-2.

In this half the Whites' forwards were more impressive, and S. A. Fowler, in particular, on the right wing, was seen to advantage, his wing-half, Hook was also well in the picture.

Homburg as a leader was not constructive, though he is a flyer, and can really be good at times. The Fowler brothers, George and Ernie, were quite useful in the Colours' attack, and Pritam Nath was apt to starve the speedy Shah Wali on his right.

SPORTS ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th March, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Clubs, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 4774) will be open at 12 o'clock NOON.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2120).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
G. B. BROWN, Secretary,
Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

Association Council Meeting To-day

A Council Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Association will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Church Hall. Final arrangements for the Interport with Macao are to be made, and a full attendance of members is requested.

Caor Clark Cup

ST. ANDREW'S ARE AGAIN RUNNERS-UP

BY DEFEATING RECREIO Ladies 7-0 last Saturday, St. Andrew's completed their Caor Clark Cup League fixtures for the season, and are now runners-up. Goal scorers were Mrs. Bliss 3, Miss H. Reid 3 and Miss F. Wong 1.

The win was exhilarating rather than brilliant, and was a fitting reward to brisk and enterprising work on the part of all the members of the team. Though Recreio, playing with only ten men, had more of the play than the score would suggest, it was only rarely that they troubled Miss J. Hall in goal.

On the other hand, Saints made full use of opportunities, and at least three of the shots that produced goals would have beaten any goalkeeper.

In the second half, the Recreio defence of Mrs. L. Silva, Miss O. Botelho and Mrs. M. Silva put up strong resistance when they were completely hemmed in their own circle. It would have been a different tale had the Saints been in the same form two weeks ago!

ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT TABLE

The following is the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament Table 1939-40:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Radio Sports & P.S.C.	7	0	1	—	23	11	12
C.B.A.	6	5	—	1	32	5	11
R. Engineers	8	4	1	3	18	12	11
Normals	7	3	3	1	14	16	7
Recreio	2	2	4	2	6	12	6
Police	5	2	2	1	6	5	6
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	14	3	4
University	4	1	3	—	5	11	2
Royal Signals	6	—	1	4	20	1	1
R.A.O.C.	2	—	2	—	1	0	—

LEADING GOAL-SCORERS
Sgt. Homburg (R.E.) 13
S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.) 11
G. Singh (Radio) 8

Classification Of Ponies

Ponies of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be classified on Monday, March 11, provided application in writing is made before 5 p.m. by the owner or his authorised agent, stating the name of the ponies for which classification is desired. China ponies will be divided into "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" classes, and Australian ponies into "A", "B", "C" and "D" classes.

Grand National Call-Over

The Grand National call-over prices to-day were:
Professor II 100-8 offered, 100-7 taken, Symonidis 100-7 o. Bogdan and Royal Mail 100-6 o. Red Prince 40-1 o. after 59-1 t. Reuter.

COLONY PROBABLES

THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS have been nominated to represent the Colony's Probables against the Rajputana Rifles to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. on the Navy ground:
Goal: V. M. Benwell (Club) and T. Lockhart (C.B.A.).
Backs: V. C. Bond (C.B.A.) and Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles).
Halves: G. W. Hook (R.A.), W. A. Reed (Club), and N. B. Whitley (C.B.A.).
Forwards: S. A. Fowler (Club), Pritam Nath (Raj.), Sgt. Homburg (R.E.), Narain Singh and Partaub (Kumans).
The above team does not constitute the final selection, and a few changes are to be made if necessary.

Tournament Tennis

HUNG AND FINCHER WIN DOUBLES MATCH

(By "Tinker")

ONLY THREE of the seven scheduled matches in the Colony lawn tennis championships were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. Four walks-over were given by Chinese players in the singles, and in the only doubles encounter, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat A. Chan and J. Hsu by 6-3, 6-3.

Play was not very spirited, nor was hitting very hard. Fincher and Hung triumphed through experience over their opponents, Chan and Hsu, Division pair who play for South China. The latter put up a tolerably good show, and had the more vim in overhead shots, but were very much out-generalised in ground strokes.

Fincher's steady forehead was continually placing the ball into the far corner on his opponents' backhand, while Hung was particularly enterprising with delicately placed cross-court drop shots and successful lobs. The one worked openings for the other.

The Colony has not yet been afforded the opportunity of seeing O. Umetani, ranking Japanese player, in action. He was one of the four players yesterday who were given walks-over.

The scores were:

OPEN SINGLES

Pang Oi-lam beat Lee Hun-kek 6-0, 6-2.
Marsland Ma beat E. Zulufo 6-0, 6-2.
O. Umetani received walk-over from Ben Louie.
T. A. Pearce received walk-over from Wong Hing-ming.
S. A. Hussain received walk-over from Chan Kwong-lu.
O. Rumjahn, received walk-over from Kwok Hing-chung.

OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat A. Chan and J. Hsu 6-3, 6-3.

To-Day's Programme

The following are the matches down for to-day:

OPEN SINGLES

Tennie Kwok v. I. M. A. Razack.
I. Agaturoff v. Tsui Wai-pui.
H. D. Rumjahn v. Firdos Khan.
S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay.

OPEN DOUBLES

J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Kam-chuen and Tsui Ping-fan.

CLUB SINGLES

S. M. Garrard v. T. A. Pearce.
J. L. C. Pearce v. R. G. Belsel.
C. H. R. Hyde v. T. J. Gould.

St. Teresa's Defeat Kowloon Tong

Playing at St. Teresa's Club yesterday, the home team defeated Kowloon Tong in the "B" Division of the Badminton League by 5 sets to 4.

The scores were:
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's) beat R. E. Lee and A. Chan 21-10; beat J. Tang and A. E. H. Castro 21-2; lost to N.A.E. Mackay and B.P.C. Fletcher 9-21.
Austin Ho and J. Lum (St. Teresa's) beat Lee and Chan 21-10; beat Tang and Castro 21-9; lost to Mackay and Fletcher 14-21.
J. A. Chan and F. Chong (St. Teresa's) lost to Lee and Chan 18-21; beat Tang and Castro 21-17; lost to Mackay and Fletcher 6-21.

FRANK CRITICISMS

Placing Players In Unaccustomed Positions

I NOW DEAL with a trial playing anomaly which, I fear, is becoming too common. I deplore the method of selectors placing players for important games in positions to which they are not accustomed.

CAMBRIDGE WIN ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Cambridge beat Oxford by 77 points to 40 in the Annual Inter-Varsity Athletic Meet to-day. The Light Blues won eight events and the Dark Blues five.

No blues have been awarded by Cambridge.

Cricket

R. Engineers Trounce R. A. O. C.

Sergeant Shipp Scores 131 Not Out

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps were no match for the Royal Engineers in the first round of the Small Units knock-out cricket tournament yesterday. In reply to the Sappers' total of 236, the R.A.O.C. could only total 40.

Sergeant Shipp had a merry innings of 131 not out, which included 26 boundaries. Major Parsons and Sgt. Denyer were the best of the bowlers, taking 4 for 3, and 3 for 1 respectively.

The Engineers will now meet a nominated Company from the Midsex Regiment in the second round. The scores were:

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Spr. Bailey, c Logan b Moore	2
Spr. Pelham, c Logan b Clarke	14
Sgt. Megson, c Morgan b Logan	20
Capt. Freeman, b Clarke	14
Sgt. Denyer, b Clarke	4
Sgt. Shipp, not out	131
Major Parsons, lb.w. b Young	7
Sgt. Carpenter, lb.w. b Clarke	8
Spr. Pike, b Morgan	2
Spr. Green, b Moore	0
Extras (W2, D15, LB3)	20
	236

Bowling Analysis

	O.	B.	R.	W.
Logan	4	0	22	1
Young	7	0	38	1
Clarke	1	0	15	0
Smart	1	0	17	0
Gover	2	0	10	0
Benford	7	1	25	0
Morgan	2	0	23	1

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Logan, c Bailey, b Shipp	9
Young, c Gove, b Parsons	14
Benford, run out	7
Capt. Freeman, b Denyer	7
Gover, lb.w. b Denyer	0
Clarke, st. Bailey, b Parsons	1
Major Parsons, lb.w. b Denyer	0
Benford, not out	0
Moore, retired	0
Spr. b Denyer	0
Matheson, b Parsons	4
Extras (B4)	4
	40

Bowling Analysis

	O.	B.	R.	W.
Megson	5	0	0	0
Shipp	8	0	23	1
Parsons	2	1	3	4
Denyer	1	0	1	3

220 Yards Low Hurdles Record Broken

THE LONG STANDING RECORD for the 220 yards low hurdles was broken at Pokfulam yesterday during the third day's events of the University's annual athletic meet. T. T. Chin (Eliot Hall) clipped 0.6 seconds off the old figure of 28.3, established in 1931 by Lee Ha-leong (now Dr.), and set the new figure of 27.7 seconds. K. M. Au (Morrison Hall), last year's winner, was second, and equalled the old figures.

Other finals were in the Discus Throw, Pole Vault and Half Mile. Heats were held for the High Jump.

The results were:
220 yards low hurdles—T. T. Chin (Eliot); K. M. Au (Morrison); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); T. T. Tang (St. John's). Time 27.7 (Record).
Discus throw—G. Schiller (Lugard); M. Schiller (Lugard); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); T. T. Tang (St. John's). Distance 27 ft. 4 in.
Pole Vault—F. K. Cheng (Lugard); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); T. T. Tang (St. John's); G. Amann (Lugard). Height 9 ft. 8 in.
High Jump—W. W. Abraham (Lugard); K. K. Tan (Eliot); Y. S. Lam (Morrison); K. B. Kuan (Morrison). Time 5.10.

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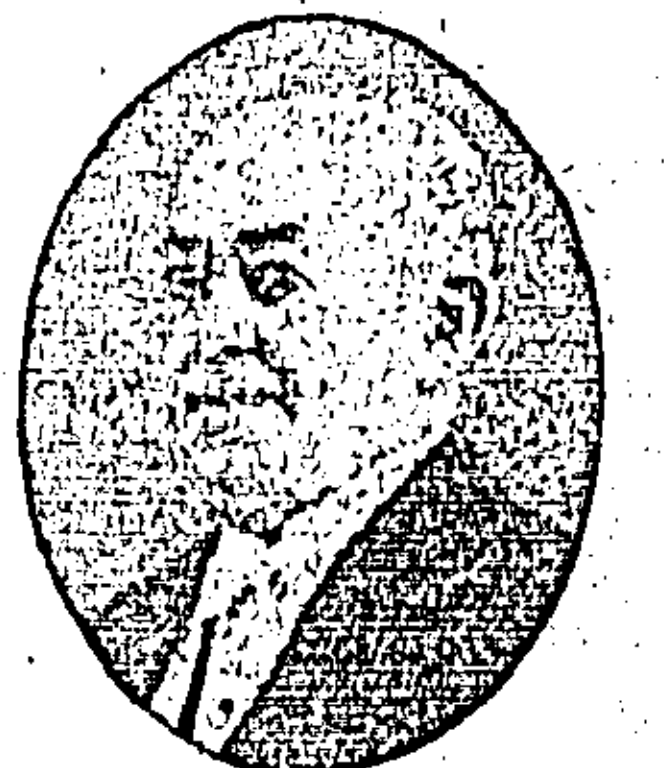
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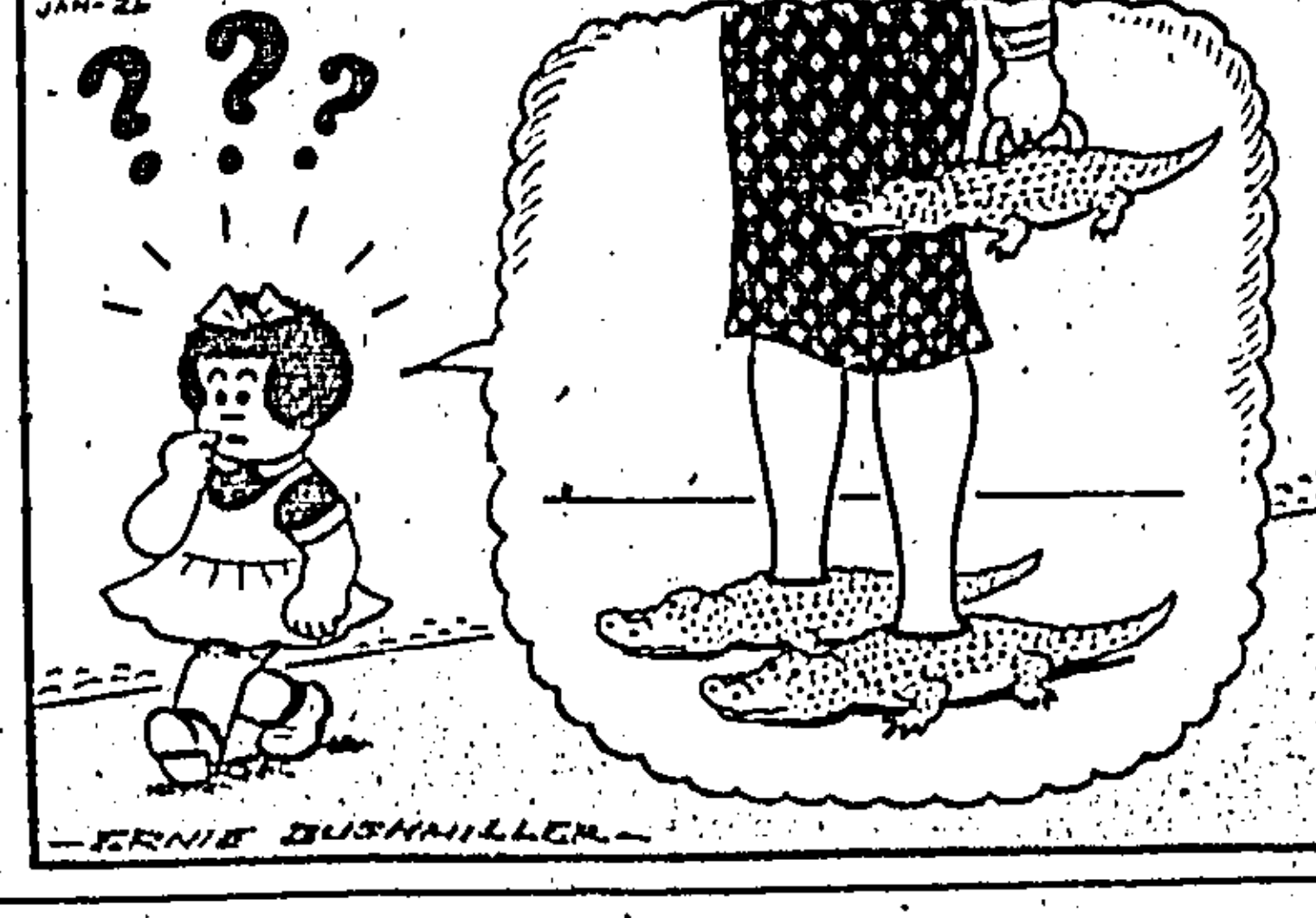
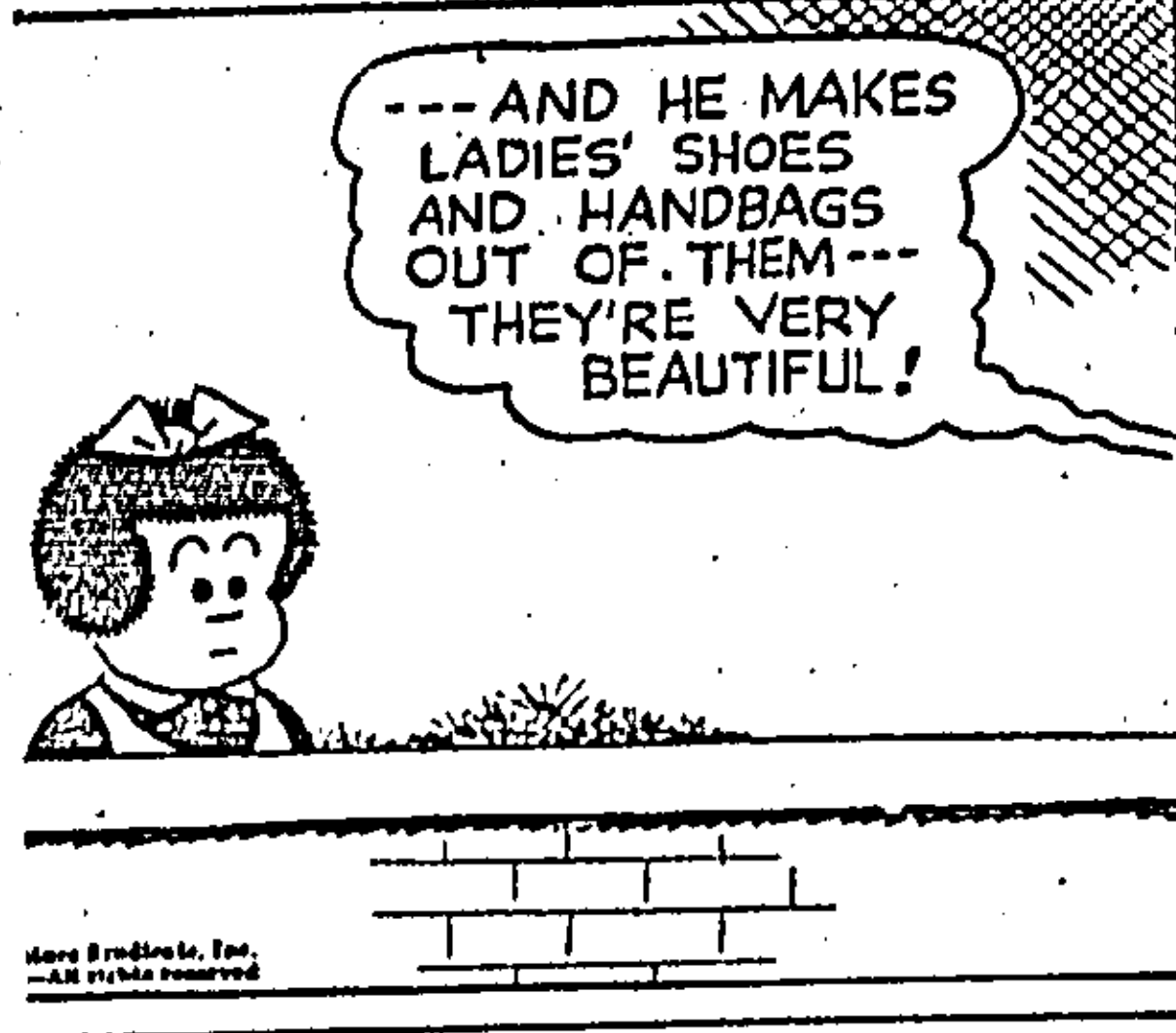
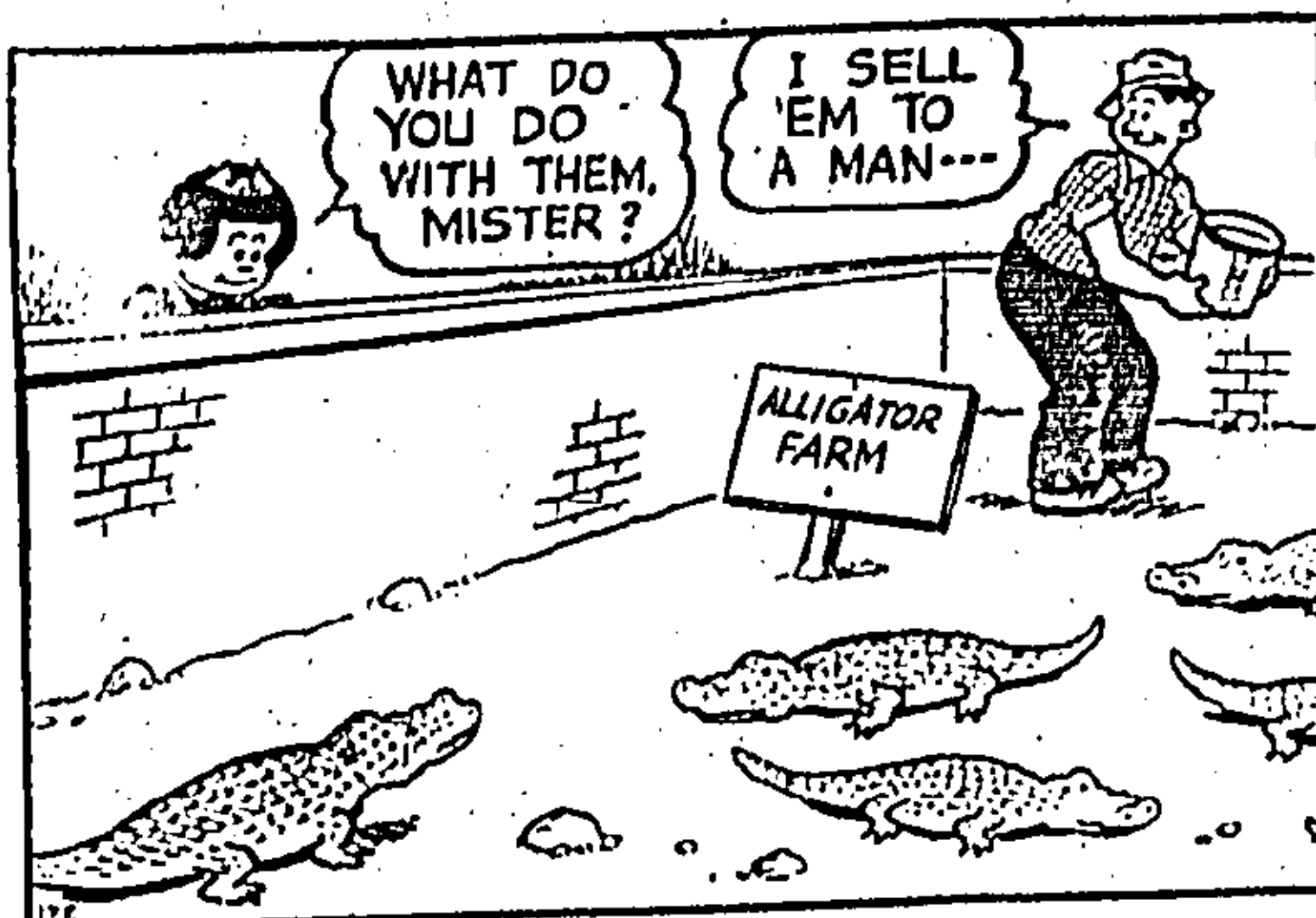
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELDER, Mar. 6 (UP).—It is reported that the Dutch submarine, O-11 sunk to-day two minutes after being rammed amidsthips by a Dutch naval tug.

Twenty minutes later the crew brought the submarine back to the surface where tugs were made fast to the conning tower which was opened, and seventeen men were rescued before the submarine again sank. Two men were drowned.

Three Still Trapped
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three members of the crew are still trapped in the Dutch submarine which was sunk following a collision. To-night divers and other rescuers were working desperately to reach the men who may not have enough air for more than 24 hours.

Three special tugs raced up the coast from Amsterdam this afternoon to assist in lifting the hull of the submarine, releasing the trapped sailors. There were about 30 men aboard at the time of the disaster. Tugs worked all day trying to get the submarine's nose out of the mud, but at nightfall they still had not succeeded.

This is the first accident in Holland's 30 years of submarine history.

Taking Shots Of A Film
THE HAGUE, Mar. 6 (UP).—When she was sunk, the submarine O-11 was just commencing on short trips outside the harbour with a film operator aboard to take shots of a film entitled "Somewhere in Holland."

The film operator jumped overboard and was rescued.

PUPPET OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Mar. 6 (UP).—Armed men to-day shot and killed Chang Li-sung, a minor official working for the Japanese-owned Central China Telecommunications Company which has taken over the former Chinese Government radio offices.

Four shots were fired as Chang was walking in Yu Ya Ching Street, which was crowded at the time. Chang was twice struck in the chest and died an hour later after being rushed to hospital.

Thirty Killed In Explosion

ROME, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Thirty were killed and many injured as the result of an explosion in a power factory at Brescia to-day.

CLUB BEAT R. SCOTS 14-3 Army Defence Unable To Hold Lively Three-Quarters

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB HAD THE BETTER of things behind the scrums in their match against the Royal Scots yesterday evening, and won by 14 points (a goal and 3 tries) to 3 (a try).

The Army team fielded two Navy players in Carter and Paul, but even the Regimental back division strengthened by the inclusion of these two strong backs were unable to cope with the lively Club backs, who were playing behind forwards who gained possession in the majority of the set scrums.

Taylor, at full back for the Club, made the mistake of keeping the ball in play instead of kicking into touch. Walkden and Wilson were forceful wing-three's, but the latter's high tackling landed him in trouble in the second half when he had to leave the field with a damaged thigh.

Day was in splendidly form behind the scrum, using his swiftness and speed to great effect. D. Hynes kicked touch usefully to save his forwards in defence, although he lacked speed to carry him through when an opening was made. Thomson gave good service at the base of the scrum, and played well in the open.

Castleton hooked well for Club, with Maerue doing what little Club did in the lineouts. B. Hynes, Wanklyn and Redman were other Club forwards to do well in a pack which pushed hard in the set scrums.

UNCOMFORTABLE

PINKERTON and Cuthbertson were not comfortable in the Scots' three line. Paul could not settle down, and kept the ball swinging rather than try to get through on his own. Millar ruled the lineouts, and this was the only real source from which the Scots got the ball back repeatedly. Combe pulled a cartilage near his ankle in a tackle of Taylor, and although he carried on he had to leave the field eventually.

Day scored Club's first try. This was followed by one by Thomson early in the second half. Maerue failed with both kicks. Day then went over for his second unconverted try.

Cuthbertson went over for a try following good passing by the Scots three. Paul failed to convert, the ball being badly placed by the scrum-half.

Morgan added to Club's score with a good try which Castleton converted.

Throttling Trade

How Britain Suffers In North China

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Sir John Wardlaw Milne, in the House of Commons to-day, asked whether the Prime Minister had received any recent report on British export trade to those parts of China in Japanese occupation, and if he were aware that only such goods as cannot be supplied by Japanese industry are allowed to enter Northern and Central China regions.

Admits Position
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative and added that these reports indicated a decline in the United Kingdom exports to China since 1937.

To what extent these exports consisted of such goods as could not be supplied by Japanese industry did not appear.

A further report on this point, he said, was being called for. He repeated that representations, however, had been made to the Japanese Government regarding the restrictions imposed by the Japanese authorities on trade with the third Powers generally in North and Central China.

House To Meet Three Times A Week

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons to-day that the House would meet only three times a week after Easter instead of five days, as it had been temporarily at the beginning of this month.

ITALIAN STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION

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the principles upon which the economic blockade is being conducted.

Congratulatory Reply
However, the British reply will be in a congratulatory tone and will be despatched in a few days.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare has pointed out that the coal blockade is not discriminating against Italy since they have refused exemptions for German goods destined to nineteen countries in the past three weeks.

On March 3 alone, twenty-one neutral ships arrived at contraband control bases in the British Isles, the Ministry points out.

Britain feels she cannot make an exception of Italy without according similar treatment to the United States and Japan, both of whom have protested against the export ban.

Latest reports state that the Lonsa is proceeding to Italy and that the coal aboard the other eight ships will be unloaded.

Clearance of the ships will be expedited by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Evading The Blockade
LUCERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Train-loads of German coal are passing daily over Simplon and the St. Gotthard routes bound for Italy.

Return trains are loaded mainly with Italian agricultural products. The traffic has become so great that Swiss railways have had to bring reserve locomotives into service and to engage extra staff.

Two More Ships Held
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that two more Italian ships arrived at a British contraband control base to-day.

16 Colliers In Downs
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—All together ten Italian colliers reached the Downs Control to-day, bringing the total Italian vessels detained up to 16.

It is estimated that the total tonnage is 80,000 and the coal cargoes amount to 100,000 tons.

Italian Press Silent
ROME, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The detention of Italian colliers is the main item in the newspapers, but comment is reserved.

Leading articles do not mention the subject and even the huge headlines are confined to statements of fact.

Only the "Popolo D'Italia" talks of "Britain's irreconcilable gesture." Political circles show similar reluctance to make a definite comment.

"We regret that things have arrived at this crucial point, but there is a clear tendency to hope for a friendly solution," "Reuter" was told.

Nazi Coal As Prize Cargo
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Emergency Exports Committee, meeting this evening, ordered the detention in prize of the cargoes of coal carried in eight out of the nine Italian vessels at present lying in the Downs.

The ninth ship was released as it is established that she sailed on March 1 and was subsequently delayed by engine trouble.

SWEDISH BAN ON COMMUNISTS

New Bill To Be Brought Before Parliament

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Swedish Minister of Justice to-day informed the Riksdag that he would introduce a bill banning Communists from the Swedish Parliament.

In the meantime, the Government has asked Parliament for an added 63,000,000 crowns of which 54,000,000 will be used to modernise and repair the Swedish fleet.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald told the House of Commons to-day that the Government had undertaken to purchase the total crop of raw cocoa produced by British West Africa during the current season, ending September 30, 1940.

EVASIVE ANSWER

British Government & Chungking Talks

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Willfred Roberts asked whether the Prime Minister could now make a statement concerning the recent discussions between General Chiang Kai-shek and the representative of the British Government at Chungking.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Ambassador in China had been at Chungking since January 4 and during his stay he had, as usual, maintained close contact with the Chinese Government on a large number of matters of common interest to the two governments.

ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question, said that Viscount Halifax was aware that anti-British activities continued in parts of North China.

He repeated that representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the failure of the local authorities to suppress such manifestations.

The Government, he said, was pursuing the matter.

HE LED THE CZECHS TO FREEDOM

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long as it did because the rule was mild, but the present tyranny is such that General Blaskowitz, in his report to Berlin, said it would take 16 million German soldiers and policemen to control the eight million Czechs whose resistance was really determined and unrelenting.

It was hard for the Austrians to lead the Czechs, but it is quite impossible for the Germans to drive them. Every act of oppression merely intensifies this spirit of resistance and defiance. It is a struggle that is carried on almost in a light-hearted manner for the people are of the kind who meet death with a smile on their lips.

Recently, when the Germans forbade the use of lights in the cemeteries on All Saints Day, the Czechs performed the rites in darkness, but next morning on many of the tombs, chalked in large letters were the words: "CZECHS ARISE! MAKE ROOM FOR THE GERMANS."

Then the Germans have cut down many of the trees in and about Brno. The whispered explanation—and nothing is so effective as these whispering campaigns—is that this is done purposely so that the Czechs will not have any place on which to hang the members of the Gestapo when the day comes.

These grim stories, however, are but the by play of the tremendous struggle that is going on inside the Country and outside wherever Slovaks and Czechs are to be found. It is the sort of struggle that can never cease till the final goal of independence is won for this at least is due to the memory of that great, courageous, large-hearted, and far-seeing patriot and leader, Masaryk, the liberator, who was born ninety years ago, and, who, though dead, lives on in the hearts of his people.

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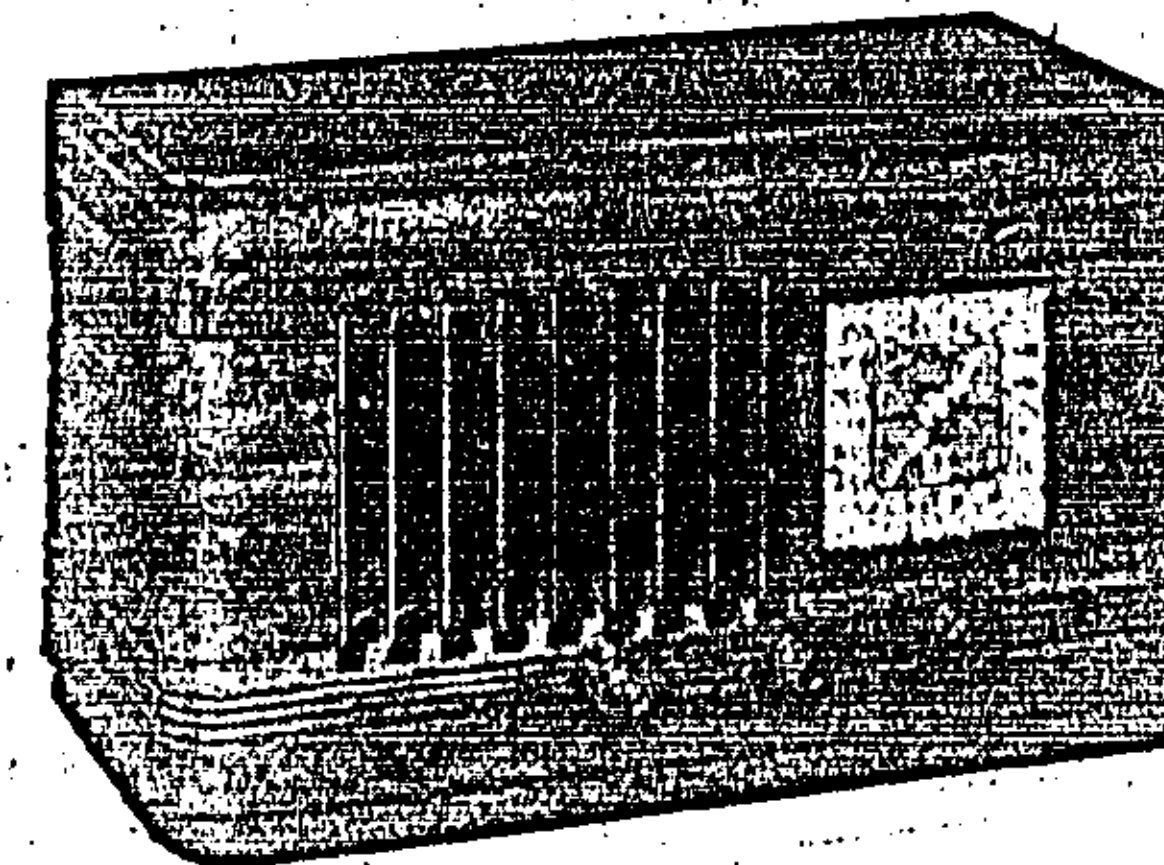
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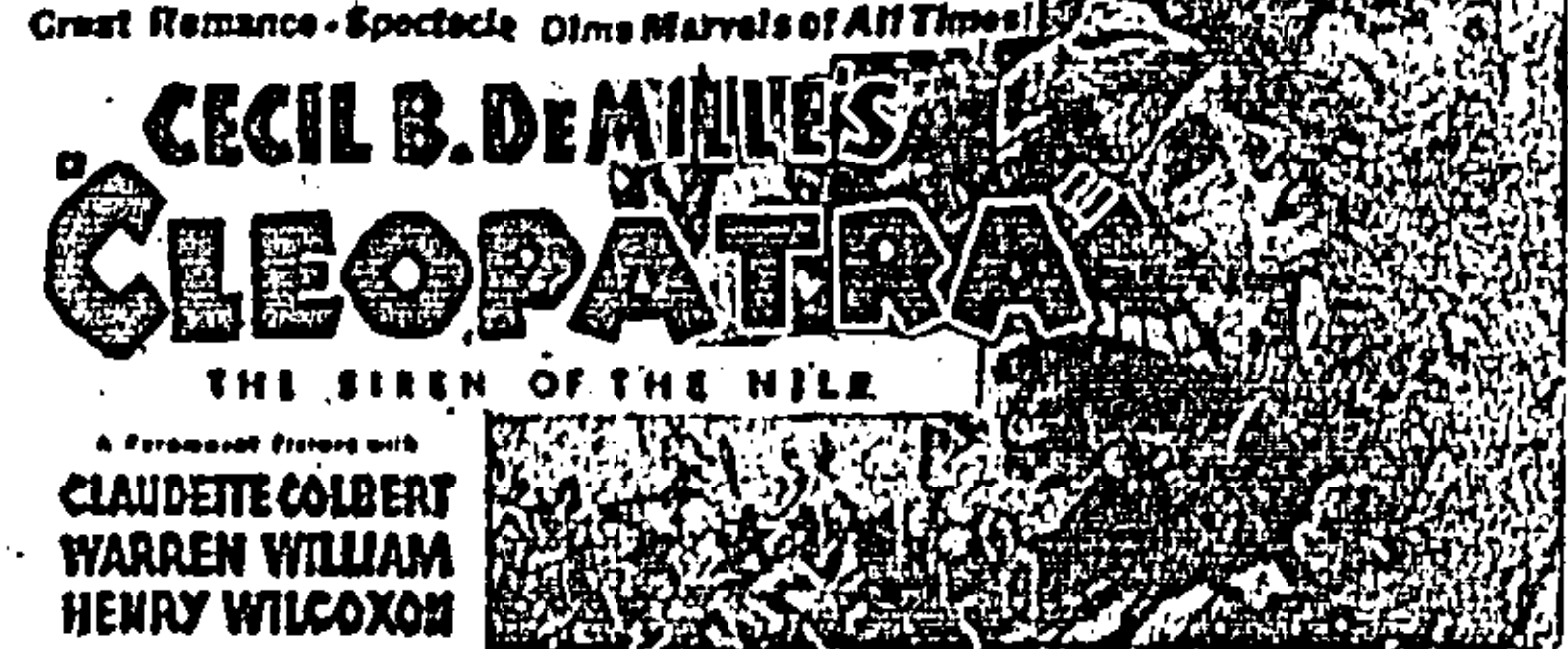
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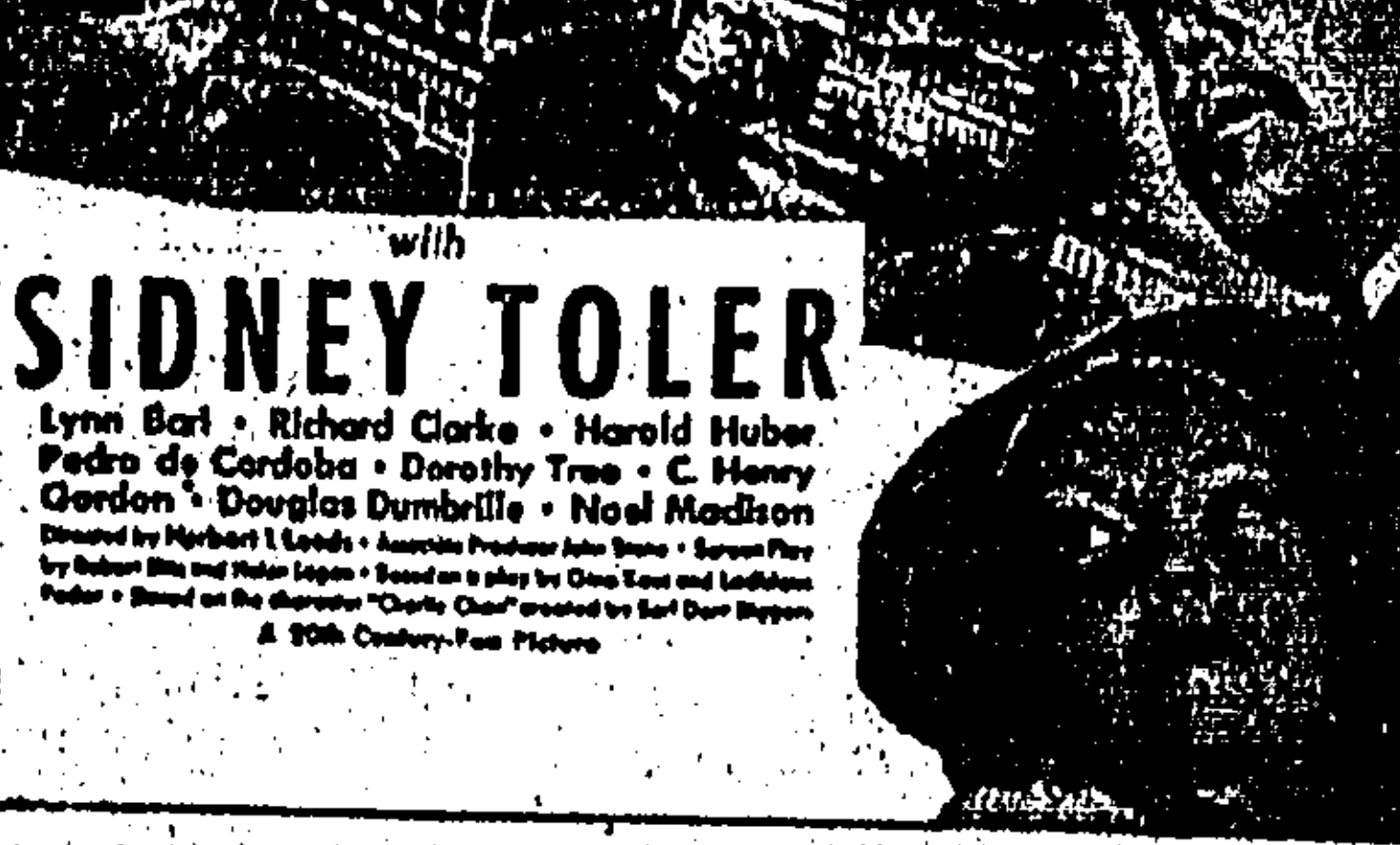
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Criticism Of New Tin Agreement

Malaya Protests Voiced In The Commons

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Replying to Mr. H. F. S. Stokes in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. MacDonald said he was aware that certain tin producers in Malaya were opposed to the International Tin Agreement and measures taken under it, but he believed that their views were contrary to those of the great majority of producers in Malaya.

In a supplementary question, Mr. Stokes asked if Mr. MacDonald MacDonald was aware that the restriction of "eighty per cent." had taken effect and that a considerable quantity of tin had to be purchased from foreign sources, and that there was concern in the trade about this matter.

Admits Criticisms

Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was aware there were criticisms concerning the decision taken, but all were relevant to the considerations taken into account by the International Tin Committee.

He said he was satisfied that their decision was welcomed by a great majority of producers.

Replying to Mr. W. Thorne, Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was certain that if there were a shortage of tin in Great Britain, he would receive representations from his colleagues.

Welles Still Fishing For Peace Formula

Visits To Paris, London And Then Rome

BERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles has definitely denied that he would call a conference in London of United States Ministers in Scandinavia.

Mr. Welles leaves for Paris to-night and plans to go to London at the beginning of next week, then return to Rome and see Signor Mussolini. He will spend a day in Paris en route between London and Rome.

"Silent As A Corp"
Mr. Welles told reporters that he would remain as "silent as a corp" about his conversations. He would communicate no official information he had received to any other European Government.

It is considered significant that Mr. Welles did not deny the report that he had invited Dr. Schacht, the former German Finance Minister, to visit America.

PALESTINE POLICY DENOUNCED

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relief that the present measure had been taken.

The Independent Member, Mr. Lipson, who is a Jewish member, thought that the Government proposals were regrettable, but asked what would happen to the Jewish National Home if Hitler won.

Sacrifices must be made to win the war and he believed that the Jews were willing to make the sacrifice.

Censure Motion Defeated

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Opposition motion of censure was defeated by 292 votes against 129.

Palestine Normal

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
JERUSALEM, Mar. 6 (UP).—Palestine has returned to normal following violent demonstrations in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

The demonstrations resulted in the imposition of a daylight curfew.

It is believed that the demonstrations were intended to influence the debate in the House of Commons on Palestine. Labour has introduced a vote of censure against the Chamberlain Government.

FAMOUS STAGE STAR DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CANNES, Mar. 7 (UP).—The death occurred at her chateau here last night of Maxine Elliott, one of America's greatest and most beautiful actresses. She celebrated her 69th birthday only a fortnight ago.

She is survived by her sister, Madge Elliott.

Death occurred after a long illness.

The late Maxine Elliott was born Jesse Dermot, in Rockland, Maine. Her stage name was suggested by the great Dion Boucicault.

Her friends were legion, and included King Edward VII before the Great War, and the Duke of Windsor, Mr. Winston Churchill, Captain Anthony Eden and Mr. Somerset Maugham at the time of her death.

Her chateau at Cannes, which was once saved from destruction by fire by the British Navy, was known as the "House of Lords" because of the remarkable number of celebrated people who were often guests.

During the Great War Maxine Elliott left the stage in order to operate her own ambulance unit in Belgium. She stayed there until long after the German occupation.

Soviet 'Squealers' Imprisoned

MOSCOW, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three men and a woman, who for the past two years have denounced over 100 persons, including party officials, as spies acting on behalf of foreign agents, have now been convicted at Kieff of spreading calumnies and untrue reports.

They have been sentenced to terms ranging up to 15 years.

Nazis Have Oil In Abundance

But It's Synthetic

MOSCOW, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The belief that Germany's output of synthetic oil from coal exceeds the Anglo-American estimate by 3,000,000 tons annually was expressed by the well-known economist, M. Yevgenij Varga, in the "Red Star."

If Germany's non-military consumption remains as low as hitherto, she will be able to meet the requirements by internal production, he asserts.

M. Varga also discussed the Japanese situation and reached the conclusion that the Japanese economy is so ruined that events are rapidly moving towards a social and political catastrophe.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

The short session resolved itself into a period of falliness.

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China Lights (Old) \$8.45
Electricity \$67¼
Cements \$19.00

New Zealanders Reviewed

WELLINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Viscount Galway, Governor General of New Zealand, yesterday reviewed the second contingent of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and complimented them on their bearing.

SEA BATTLE REPORTED

OSLO, Mar. 7 (UP).—Heavy cannonading was reported off Berlevaag this morning. Several large vessels were sighted on the horizon.

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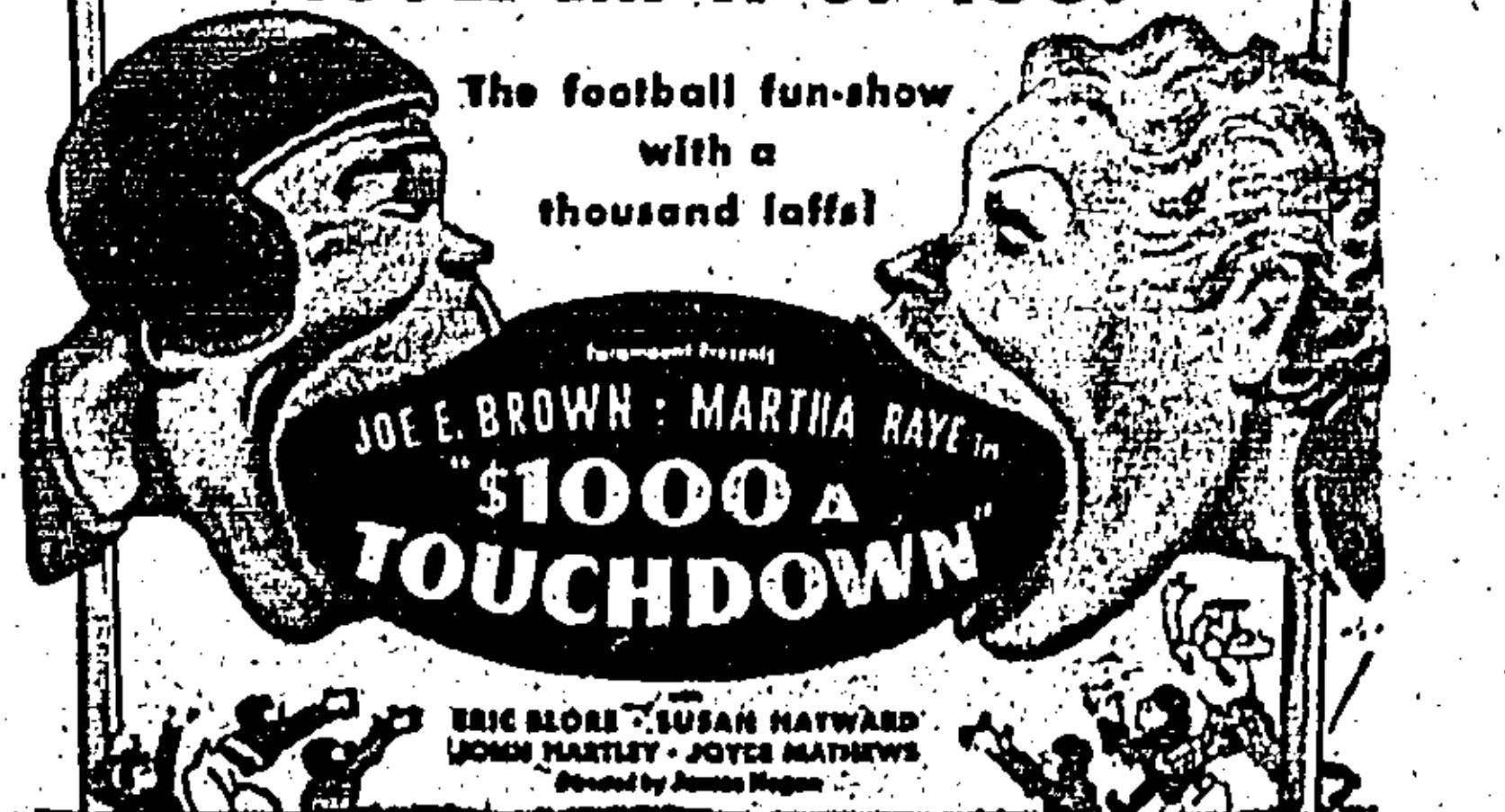
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LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Second leave for the men of the British Expeditionary Force who went over to France during the first month of the war will soon be granted.

It is hoped that by the middle of this month all who crossed into France in September and October will have had home leave and that

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Information has reached here to-day that Marshal Carl Mannerheim, the Finnish Commander-in-Chief, is indisposed.

No details of his indisposition are available.

It will then be possible to start with second leave.

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SOVIET-RUMANIA PEACE PACT NOW OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

MORE WARSHIPS FOR SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—The Government to-day announced that it is asking Parliament to vote 63,000,000 kronor this fiscal year for the construction of destroyers, mine-sweepers, submarines and motor-boats. Next year a further 54,000,000 kronor will be sought for the construction of more warships to replace obsolete vessels.

SWEDEN CAN MUSTER—

Eight light battleships (Germany has five);
Four cruisers (Germany has ten);
Sixteen destroyers (Germany has thirty-one);
Fourteen submarines (Germany has about fifty);
One aircraft carrier (Germany has two—under construction);
One seaplane carrier (Germany has none);
Twenty-four patrol boats (Germany has fourteen).

Statement by the Russian Legation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, MAR. 7 (DOMEI).—ALTHOUGH EARLIER RUMOURS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOVIET RUSSIA AND RUMANIA WERE ABOUT TO CONCLUDE A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WERE DENIED, THE SOVIET LEGATION IN BUCHAREST HAS NOW CONFIRMED THE REPORTS.

The Legation announces that the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, will shortly visit Bucharest to sign the pact.

No mention is made in the announcement of the fate of Bessarabia, which, ruled by Russia for 106 years, became part of Rumania when the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1920. The treaty was signed by Rumania and the principal Allies, but not by Russia.

As the Soviet never recognised the "annexation", Bessarabia has been in a state of military occupation more or less ever since with Soviet pickets on the left bank of the Dniester, which separates it from Russia, and Rumanian pickets on the right.

Broken Treaties

Rumania will probably not place too much reliance in any treaty of Non-Aggression which she may sign with Soviet Russia.

Russia has a treaty of Non-Aggression with Poland. She abrogated it 24 hours before her troops marched in, although the treaty provided that abrogation could not become effective until six months had elapsed.

She had a treaty of Non-Aggression with Finland. There was no need, in Russian eyes, to abrogate this treaty, since a "puppet government" was set up in Finland and the Soviet thenceforth fought the Finnish "rebels".

Russia has signed multilateral Non-Aggression pacts with Poland, Afghanistan, Estonia, Latvia, Persia, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Yugoslavia and Lithuania. Of these, Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Finland have become victims of Soviet aggression.

R. A. F. SAVE SHIP

Dutch Vessel Warned Of Mine In Time

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—The 8,000-ton Dutch merchant-ship, Stadshiedam, was saved from destruction by mines yesterday in the North Sea as the result of the vigilance of an Air Force Coastal Command plane.

Warning By Lamp

The plane sighted mines and reported their position by wireless, and flying over the ship flashed a warning by lamp. It also dropped coloured lights in the sea immediately ahead of the ship, which however continued on its course.

The position was so desperate that the pilot of the plane was compelled to fire his machine-gun across the ship's bows.

The ship then swung hard about away from danger.

HOLLAND NOT TO ARM HER SHIPS
THE HAGUE, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—Reports that the Netherlands Government, as a result of attacks by German airmen in the North Sea on Dutch ships, is considering arming the ships, are declared to be untrue.

You May Not Know—

That when, in 1934, the Russo-Finnish Non-Aggression Pact was extended until 1945, M. Litvinoff, then Soviet Foreign Commissar, said:

"The Soviet does not intend to demand revision of existing treaties, does not desire expansion of territory, but only realisation of the ideal of a Socialist society."

The Russo-Finnish Pact had been concluded in 1932. Both parties guaranteed mutual non-violation of the present frontiers, established by the Treaty of Dorpat in 1920, and undertook to refrain from attacking each other in any way.

They also undertook not to participate in any agreements or arrangements hostile to the other party.

A protocol attached to the pact stated that, if the pact should be denounced before the due time, the obligations incurred by both States under the Brand-Kellogg Pact for the renunciation of war would remain as binding as before.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

COMMITTEE OPPOSES PROPOSAL

THE COMMITTEE appointed to Report on the practicability of introducing Daylight Saving in Hongkong has reported against the proposals.

Their Report was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The Committee points out that Hongkong has already, in fact, a measure of daylight saving, standard time being 23 minutes in advance of the time which should be observed.

The time observed in Hongkong is 120th Meridian East of Greenwich time, which is observed over an area extending from Peking to Korea, and embraces, in addition, to the coast ports of China, Formosa, the Philippines, and Western Australia.

"For Hongkong to have a different time from these places would cause a certain inconvenience which we do not regard as insuperable," the Report states.

No Useful Purpose

"We do, however, consider that no useful purpose would be served within the terms of our reference by further extending daylight saving in Hongkong, for the simple reason that there is little or no daylight to save."

"The question of further time for recreation in the evening, besides not falling within our terms of reference, could be answered by an adjustment of office hours."

The latest time of sunrise is about 7 a.m. and in comparison with, say, London, there is comparatively little variation throughout the year.

"As a result, local factories and workshops have established 7 a.m. as the operating hour; that is, work begins as soon as daylight permits."

"Normal factory hours are 7 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with overtime from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. These are based largely on the hours of daylight, so that no useful purpose would be served by altering the official time with a view to daylight saving."

The Report quotes figures showing the approximately two thirds of the Colony's coal imports are consumed by steamships coaling in the Colony's waters.

Conservation Of Exchange

All coal used by the Hongkong Electric Company and the China Light and Power Company in the generation of Hongkong's electricity supply is purchased from India and French Indo-China.

The question of the conservation of exchange as a war measure by a reduction of coal imports based on

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HONGKONG'S WAR TAX

PASSAGE OF BILL ASSURED

Unanimous Support By Unofficials
R. N. SHIPS AS CONTRIBUTION

PASSAGE OF THE WAR REVENUE BILL THROUGH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN ITS ENTIRETY, BECAME ASSURED THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL GAVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WAR REVENUE COMMITTEE.

These recommendations are that taxes should be imposed for the duration of the war on Salaries, Property and on profits of Businesses and Corporations.

Decision of the Unofficial Members to support the measure, which was introduced in Council this afternoon by the Financial Secretary, was conveyed by the Senior Unofficial Member, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, who said:

"The Unofficial Members of this Council are unanimously in favour of a substantial annual war gift for the defence of the Empire, being made by this Colony, and they agree that, for the duration of the war, taxation for that purpose shall be imposed upon the three which are embodied in the War Revenue Bill, to the framing of which the War

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TRADING BAN

Britain Lists Eighty Nazi Firms In China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, March 6 (UP).—A new list of 110 German firms with whom British nationals are forbidden to trade was announced in to-night's "London Gazette."

Eighty names are those of firms operating in China.

The total since the beginning of the war has now been brought up to 774. They are scattered throughout the world.

Siemens Prominent

The name of Siemens is plastered in all the lists—mostly branches of Siemens-Halske and Siemens-Schuckert, dwelling the entire under the name of this great German industrial organisation to over 30.

About 25 A.E.G. branches and some twelve Bayer companies are listed. Black-listed names also include the subsidiaries of the famous Telefunken, Agfa, NDL, and Hamburg.

German firms operating in the United States and Italy have not yet been included in the boycotts. No official explanation for these omissions has yet been vouchsafed.

FATAL MUNITIONS EXPLOSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTICLIA, R.I., Mar. 6 (UP).—Six were killed and 20 wounded, three critically, in an explosion in the hand grenade department of the Vulcania Munitions Works.

One of those killed was a member of the Board of Directors of the Company who was inspecting the functioning of the factory. The factory is reported to have been seriously damaged.

MYSTERY OF THAT H'KONG TANKER

CONTRADICTORY messages were received in Hongkong this morning regarding the fate of the 10,600-ton tanker Charles F. Meyer, which is owned by the Oriental Transportation Company of Union House, Hongkong.

An exclusive message through "United Press" on Tuesday carried the report that the Hongkong-registered tanker had been torpedoed and sunk.

This message was confirmed by "Reuters" this morning, in a message which stated that the tanker had been torpedoed and that it was feared that the crew had been lost.

"Domei" also confirmed Monday's "United Press" story this morning in a despatch from London.

Brought To Port!

Subsequently, "Reuters" reports that the Charles F. Meyer has been successfully brought to port.

A reporter was told that the tanker had been damaged by an explosion. No explanation of the cause of the explosion was given.

No mention is made of the fate of the crew in the second "Reuters" message and it is not known whether the tanker was salvaged after they were aboard after it was taken in tow.

According to the earlier "Reuters" message the crew abandoned the Charles F. Meyer.

Two lifeboats put out from a coastal port in an effort to rescue the crew, but without success.

Naval vessels and other ships answered her S.O.S.

No Hongkong People

Enquiry at the Head Office of the Transportation Company in Union House, Hongkong, this morning indicated that no Hongkong personnel was aboard the tanker, which is the largest ship registered in Hongkong.

The crew, which was signed on February 20 last year for 24 months, came almost entirely from England and Scotland.

The Master of the ship is Captain Alfred Cook, of Eastbourne.

As far as can be ascertained, the only Hongkong man serving aboard on ships of the Oriental Transportation Company is Mr. Dalziel. He is believed to be aboard the W. B. Walker, sister ship of the Charles F. Meyer.

LATEST

Viborg Bay A Bloody Battlefield

Reds Lose Thousands On Ice-Bound Water

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—Viborg Bay has now turned into a bloody battlefield as the Russians exert every effort to gain a foothold on the shore.

Soviet batteries moved forward over the ice are pouring projectiles against the Finnish positions, while the Red Army is supported by numerous tanks which are dragging soldiers on sledges to the front line.

With the Finnish artillery maintaining a constant bombardment, causing great holes in the ice, many Russian tanks, complete with infantry detachments have disappeared under the water.

Temporary Lull

Some Russians yesterday managed to gain a foothold on the shore, but they were later driven off with heavy losses.

While the Russians have been reorganising their forces for a heavy attack on the left side of the bay, there has been a temporary pause in the drive on Viborg itself.

It is thought this is only a breathing space before a fresh offensive is launched.

Finnish headquarters announce that losses among the Russian Thirty-fourth Tank Brigade, whose destruction was announced on March 2, totalled 2,050 men.

After repeated attacks on hospitals, it is feared that the Finns are removing the red crosses from all of them.

Reds Halt Battle For Viborg As Offensive Elsewhere Intensifies

By EDWARD BEATTIE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (UP).—As the days roll by with Viborg still in Finnish hands, it becomes evident that the Russians are no longer eager to capture the demolished city.

Instead, they are now attempting to weaken Finnish resistance at more vital sectors, such as those along the western shores of the Bay of Viborg.

Further north, the Russians have almost completely evacuated Kuhmo, where only a few men still remain entrapped by the Finnish encircling movement.

Finland is taking energetic measures to see that the Russians do not repeat their daring raids across the ice of the Gulf of Finland, which almost succeeded on Monday.

Finnish ski patrols, armed with sub-machine-guns and hand grenades

are patrolling the frozen surface of the Gulf, assisted by planes which are ready to warn the patrols the moment any Red force appears.

The average thickness of the ice covering the Gulf of Finland is now about three feet, permitting rapid movement.

Patrols Sighted

Several Russian patrols have been sighted in the distance, and air reconnaissance reveals that the Reds have concentrated a considerable quantity of tanks and armoured sledges on Suurvarvi Island and Kolviato archipelago.

The Finns are prepared for any daring thrusts from these directions.

Mines Block Passage

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 7 (Reuters).—The Finns have sown mines in the area along which the Russians must advance to take over the ruins of Viborg.

The mass Soviet attack on Tuesday failed, completely, thanks to these mines and intelligently placed Finnish machine-gun and light artillery outposts.

The Russians are expected to make another drive to-day with fresh material.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns are holding up another Russian concentration.

The exact number of Russians massed here is not known, but the Finns have captured men from six divisions, and six Soviet divisions mean a total of about 130,000 men.

The Soviet High Command, therefore, is expected to give the order soon for another large-scale offensive north of the Mannerheim Line.

Violent Fighting

All Russian attempts to reach the mainland behind Viborg across the ice of the Bay have been repulsed with heavy loss. Violent fighting is still raging, however, with the Russian onslaughts supported by tanks and heavy artillery.

No indication has yet appeared that they will make a serious impression on the Finnish defences.

Whole battalions have been hurled into the freezing water by a curtain of firing of the Finnish guns on the coast.

Flanking Movements

Leaving heaps of dead behind them, Soviet troops, aided by aeroplanes, motor sledges, tanks and artillery, were beaten back by the Finns defending Viborg.

The Russians were trying to smash the Finnish defences by two flanking movements.

Defenders Dig In

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 7 (UP).—The Helmsingfors Correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" reports hard fighting on the northern front before the new

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FOG TIES UP SHIPPING

FORCED to anchor in dense fog with visibility nil, 28 ships, including several large passenger liners, are lying off Waglan waiting to get through the Lyemoun entrance to Hongkong harbour.

Some of these vessels have been waiting outside in the dead calm with passengers on board since Monday. They include a Dutch liner, a Canadian liner and two Jardine Matheson ships and a Canton steamer.

With the East Lamma Channel entrance blocked to shipping by minefields, shipping will be hindered more by fog, as it can only use the western entrance.

LIGHTKEEPER GIVES RUNNING COMMENTS

British Ships Strafed: Unarmed Men Attacked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 7 (UP).—Nazi aerial activity against British and neutral shipping continued yesterday.

The 1,025-ton Shell-Mex Company's tanker Shelbrit I was bombed and machine-gunned by two German planes off the north-east coast of Scotland.

One member of the crew was injured by a shrapnel splinter.

Five bombs were dropped, but no direct hits were scored.

The planes afterwards turned their machine-guns on the tanker, strafing her unmercifully for twenty minutes.

The crew were able to take cover and the tanker later arrived in port only slightly damaged by bullets.

Previously, the same planes had unsuccessfully attacked a trawler.

Lightship Attacked

Radio listeners on the east coast heard distress signals from an undefended lightship which was the victim of another Nazi attack.

The lightkeeper gave his listeners a running commentary by radio-telephone on the attack.

Three bombs were dropped but each went wide of the mark.

The lightkeeper laconically reported a few minutes later that the Nazi plane had made off and that he no longer required assistance.

Allen planes, presumably German machines which were setting out on murder excursions over the North Sea, flew over Esbjerg (Denmark) at 9.30 p.m. and drew Danish A.A. fire.

"Torpedoed" Ship Safe

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (Reuters).—According to an Amsterdam telegram to the official German news agency,

Asama Nazis To Go Via Siberia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 6 (Domei).—Nine German nationals who were brought to Japan from Hongkong in connection with the Asama Maru incident, will leave Yokohama en route home via Siberia, it was revealed.

The Germans were among the 21 German seamen taken off from the Asama Maru by a British warship in the Pacific.

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COMMITTEE OPPOSES PROPOSAL

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decreased electric light requirements does not appear to arise," the Report points out.

The Committee does not believe it advisable in present circumstances to recommend the limitation by statute of hours of employment in factories.

Closure Of Shops

"We recommend, however, largely as a social measure, that shops with certain exceptions should be closed for the purposes of retail trade or business at 8 o'clock every evening."

In view of the strong views held on the subject by the Chinese members of our Committee, we do not make any recommendation regarding half-day or whole-day closing on Sunday. Our Chinese members were also of opinion that for the majority of the population who live a hand-to-mouth existence the need to purchase foodstuffs ahead would cause hardship.

The Report quotes statistics showing that only 10½ tons of coal would be saved daily if one hour's daylight saving were introduced, and the saving if shops were compelled to extinguish their lights at 8 p.m. would be only 7½ tons daily.

Shopkeepers Willing

"We have, through our Chinese members and the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, sounded shopkeepers on the subject of closing at 8 p.m., and we understand that this will be acceptable to the majority, and that there is no danger either of appreciable loss of trade or of reduction in the wages of workers."

"The Hon. Commissioner of Police has represented to us that such regulation may be difficult to enforce, but we consider that its acceptability to the majority will cause shopkeepers themselves to see its observance."

The Report is signed by Messrs. H. R. Butters, D. Kelvin-Stark, C. W. Jeffries, T. N. Chau, M. F. Key, J. Finnie, H. Y. T'ao and R. A. Cornidge.

An appendix refers more fully to the subject of Daylight Saving.

From a daylight saving point of view, it points out, the ideal is for all workers to rise with the sun and to retire as soon after the setting of the sun as is convenient.

Utopia Impossible

Under modern conditions this is impossible, it would entail altering work and meal hours almost daily, certainly weekly. The average time of sunrise is 6 a.m., and it has become customary for workers, and thus the majority of the people, to rise about that hour and commence the day's work soon afterwards.

In high latitudes this custom entails the majority of the people rising after the sun during the summer months. In England, for example, the sun rises before 6 a.m. from March 20th to October 1st, and, in mid-summer, rises as early as 3.35 a.m. There is, therefore, much to be gained by advancing the clocks an hour during the summer months, so that the working day starts that much earlier after the rising of the sun. The benefits gained are a saving of coal and oil for artificial illumination, and an additional hour of daylight at the end of the working day for outdoor recreation.

The same argument does not apply to countries in low latitudes, where the hours of daylight, winter and summer, differ but slightly.

Would Rise Before Sun

In Hongkong, where Standard Time is 23 minutes in advance of Local Time, the sun rises before 6 a.m. from April 20th to August 15th only, and does not rise earlier than 5.33 a.m. (Standard Time). A further advance of even half-an-hour would, therefore, call the majority of the people rising before the sun all the year round. During the winter months many would be starting work in the dark, and there would be little, if any, saving of artificial illumination.

An extra half-hour for daylight recreation would not benefit the community as a whole. In Hongkong there are few open spaces and recreation grounds, and most of these are some distance from the centre of the city. It follows that only a small percentage of the people would benefit by outdoor recreation, and their gain would be at the expense of those forced to rise before the sun; the class least able to afford artificial illumination. Zone, or Standard Time, was introduced to ensure that all the people in a large area use the same time. The adoption of a different time by

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 1940, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1940, to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. TAYLOR, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 4th March, 1940.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th March to 27th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE, Secretary. Hongkong, 29th February, 1940.

WILL NOT BUY NAZI SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Mar. 7 (Domei).—"It is impossible for Japanese interests to purchase German vessels now held up in Far Eastern ports because the British Government will not recognise such transfer."

This statement was made by a spokesman for the Ministry of Communications at the House of Representatives in reply to an interpolation on Wednesday.

any one community in a Zone is a retrograde step to the confusion that existed before Standard Time was internationally accepted. It would seem permissible only if that community were a large one, and the gain in daylight saving considerable. An alteration of less than one hour is at variance with the principles of Zone Time and should not be contemplated unless for very urgent considerations.

The use of a time by Hongkong different from that of Canton, the Coast Ports, Shanghai and the Philippines would cause some inconvenience to transport corporations, bankers, merchants, and the cable and wireless companies. If the alteration is made in perpetuity the inconvenience will not be of much moment. The inconvenience will be accentuated if the time is changed by less than one hour, and much accentuated if the change is made for a part of the year only.

Legislation Dropped

It will be recalled that the Attorney General last October introduced into Legislative Council an amendment of the Interpretations Ordinance, 1911, the Bill providing for an alteration of the Standard Time of the Colony by resolution of Legislative Council.

Considerable opposition to the measure was voiced from sections of the community, and the Bill was not proceeded with after the First Reading.

Subsequently, on December 18, the appointment of a Committee to consider the subject was announced.

The recommendations of the Committee regarding Early Closing of shops was introduced in Legislative Council this afternoon. The Bill, which had its first reading to-day, provides for the closing of all shops, with certain exceptions, at 8 p.m.

Terms Of Reference

The terms of reference of the Daylight Saving Committee were:

Having regard to the facts that

- (1) the conservation of sterling exchange is very necessary to the successful prosecution of the war with Germany;
- (2) the coal used in the generation of the Colony's electric light supply is largely purchased from countries outside the sterling group;
- (3) the majority of the shops and many of the factories in Hongkong are open to a late hour of night;

to examine and report on the advisability of

- (a) adopting an official time for the Colony one hour, or part of one hour, in advance of the time of the 120th meridian East of Greenwich for the whole or for part of the year, and
- (b) limiting by statute the number of hours per diem during which workers in shops and factories may be employed.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4231	Junction of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	Ann. \$21,500	\$16,125

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Stirling Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4235	Between Nos. 2580 & 4002, Stirling Road.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	Ann. \$14,000	\$10,500

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4236	Boundary Street between Sai Yung Choi Street and Chung Shing Street, Mong Kok.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	Ann. \$27,000	\$19,625

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2763	Junction of Fok-Ying Street and Caville Park Road, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	Ann. \$11,800	\$7,100

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1. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The London Piano-Accordion Band.

1.18 Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Verdi's "Il Trovatore" Act IV.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Saint-Saens—Concerto in G Minor, Op. 22—Arthur De Greef (Piano) and New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

7.12 "Cello Recital" by Rex Canale.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo (Jazz Piano) and Toby Gray

(Piano-Accordion)—Accordeon Mixture No. 4... Toby Gray; Piano Solo—Love's Greeting... Hal Lorenzo; Two Piano Medley—Whispering, After you've gone... Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray; Accordeon and Piano—South of the Border... Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo; Piano Solo—Compl... Hal Lorenzo; Accordeon and Piano Medley, (a) Over the Rainbow, (b) Jeepers Creepers, (c) They Say... Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo; Two Piano Version of F. D. Roosevelt Jones... Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.

8.30 Edith Lorand and Her Orchestra.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "An Appreciation of Thomas Masaryk."

9.05 Vocal Gems by the Big Four—With Piano accomp.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Viva La France," Second of the series by Sir George Clark.

9.45 Selections from Noel Coward's Musical Play—"Conversation Piece," and "Blither Sweet."

10.05 A Variety Programme with Gracie Fields, Sandra Fowler, The Mills Brothers, Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Others.

11 Close Down.

85,000-Ton Liner Queen Elizabeth Approaches New York After An Amazing Maiden Voyage

SECRETLY CROSSES THE ATLANTIC

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Queen Elizabeth has crossed the Atlantic and will dock at New York soon.

The crossing of the Atlantic in secret and without passengers is described as the most amazing maiden voyage ever.

Ever since she was launched by the Queen in 1938, workmen have been making her ready to take her place beside other Cunard White Star liners, but no-one had thought that the maiden voyage would be a "ghost trip."

To join Sister Ship

In New York, the Queen Elizabeth will join her famous sister ship, Queen Mary, which has been there since the outbreak of war.

Beside her will be her famous Atlantic rival, the French liner, Normandie.

The Queen Elizabeth is expected to dock at New York to-night (Wednesday).

The Queen Mary is costing her owners £5,000 a month while in New York.

Secret Sailing

The world's biggest liner left her fitting-out basin at Clydebank on February 20, it has just been revealed.

In striking contrast with the scenes of enthusiasm which marked the departure of the Queen Mary, fewer than 100 people watched the delicate manoeuvring at the Rosneath Dock entrance.

For nearly an hour, the Queen Elizabeth was in difficulties near the Rosneath Light, practically at the same spot at which the Queen Mary narrowly missed fouling the bank.

The liner, however, successfully completed her 10-mile journey in four hours.

The task of piloting a vessel of such size into New York harbour is one of extraordinary difficulty, and the Queen Elizabeth might be anchored for some time outside the outer harbour should the weather be unfavourable.

Painted Slate Grey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Mar. 7, (UP).—The world's largest liner, the new Cunard Queen Elizabeth, was painted slate grey as she departed from the Clyde for her maiden voyage across the Atlantic.

It is assumed in New York that she

NAZI WAR FILM OF INVASION

THE HAGUE, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—German war films showing the invasion of Poland were seized by the Police at a meeting held here by Dutch National Socialists.

The films had not been passed by the Film Censor and no permission for public showing had been given.

R.A.F. RECRUITS GO TO TALKIES

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. Command is now using films taken during actual combat between British fighters and German machines to instruct new fighter pilots in tactics.

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OSLO, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Government has given orders to the A.A. batteries in the extreme north to open fire on Soviet planes if they again cross the frontier.

It is stated in official quarters that Soviet violations of Norwegian territory have become so frequent lately that it is impossible to regard them as accidents.

FRANCE'S NEW BATTLESHIPS

PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The second of France's two new 36,000-ton battleships has been launched.

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PILGRIMS TO MECCA Numbers Continue Despite Submarine Menace

London, Mar. 6. In a special commentary the Cairo newspaper, *Al-Nasr*, comments on a most successful Haj.

"The number of pilgrims is as great as ever notwithstanding the troubled conditions in the world because all Moslem countries are friends or allies of the democracies who rule the seas. It is thanks to this domination that the Eastern seas are free of German submarines. Even if German submarines could penetrate these seas, one could hardly imagine them sinking pilgrim ships, but no confidence can be put in the Germans and it is not improbable that they would do so. As, however, Britain and France dominate the seas, the pilgrimage will continue safe."—Reuter.

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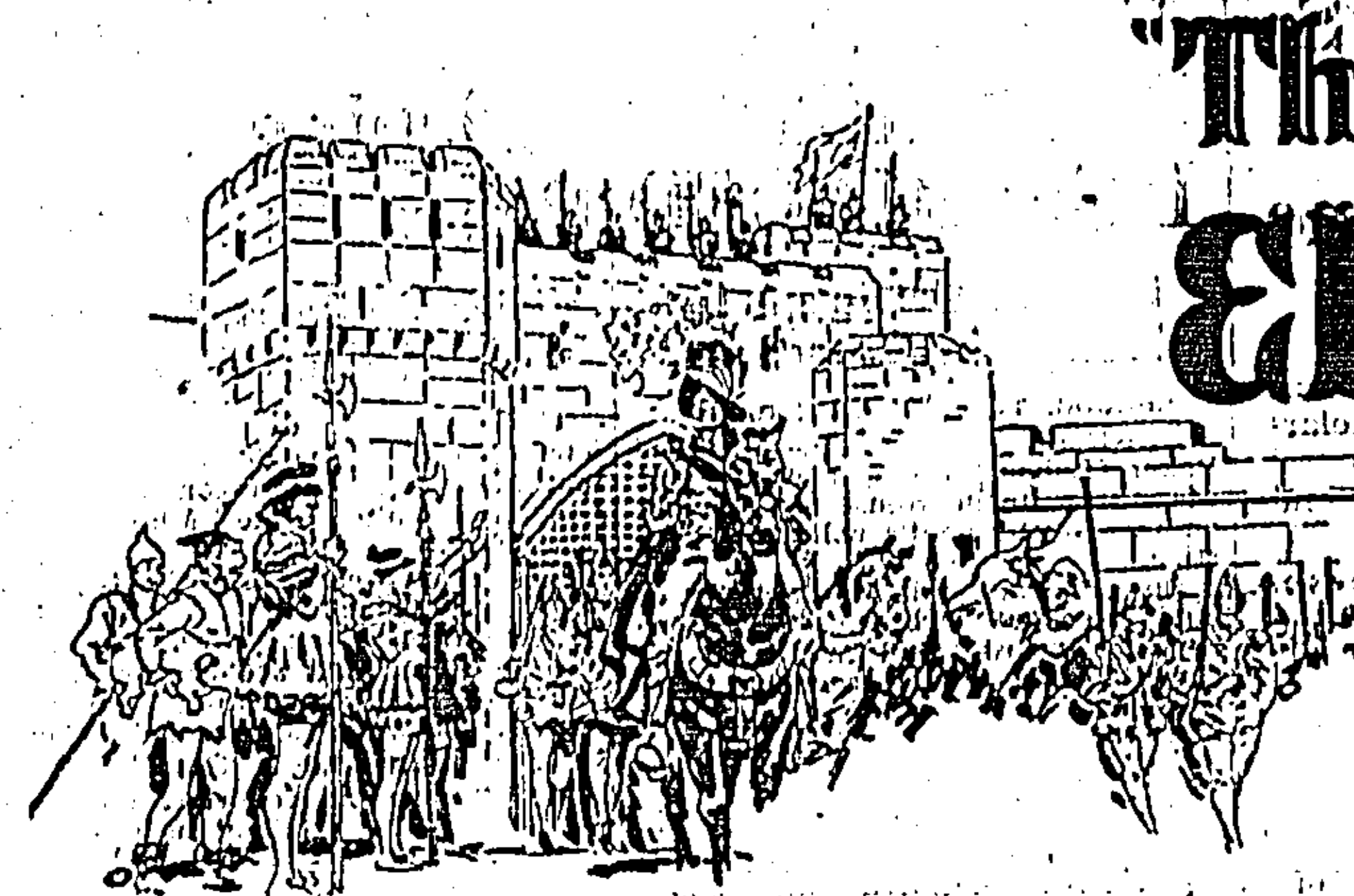
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The Private Lives OF ELIZABETH AND ESSEX

From The Warner Bros. Film Of The Same Name, Which Will Be Screened In Hongkong Shortly.

"I tell you, my lords, his return is dangerous to us all!" murmured Egerton, his cunning face ghastly under the flare that made the great hall but dimly visible. "With Essex close to her again, influencing her, none of our positions is safe!"

"Which does she love the more, think you..." asked Burghley, "her earl or her kingdom?"

"Essex, of course," sneered Raleigh. "Isn't it obvious?"

"You're less clever, Sir Walter, than even I thought," remarked Bacon with veiled sarcasm. "She loves her people and her kingdom above all men, and always will! And that, my friends, is the rock on which Essex's ship will founder! Our own advancement comes only when Essex is in Ireland... or somewhere! Are you... will you... join with me in a..."

"Will!" exclaimed Sir Walter. "When he's snatched my honours from me, till his very walk and voice and aspect make me writhe! But how..."

"The Council meets at nine tonight!" said Bacon, grimacing vengefully. "We've time enough to plan! But this is too public a place!"

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THEIR stealthy going left only the motionless guards at the entrance to the Queen's private rooms, and Essex, pacing impatiently before it.

When the door slowly opened at last he strode in hastily, smiling in pleased recognition of the fact that the lady curtsying so prettily before him, was none other than Lady Penelope Grey.

"Have I kept Her Majesty waiting, Penelope?"

"Oh, no, my lord, no... in fact she... she's not quite ready!" stammered the blushing beauty. "Forgive me for asking you, my lord... but may I have a moment with you... I want to ask... how shall I say it... I want to ask you whether you... love the Queen?"

"Yes my dear... I love her deeply... but why do you ask?"

"I only wish, my lord, that you loved someone who loves you better!"

"Doesn't the Queen love me, sweet?"

"I feel that I must tell you something, my lord... something that makes me fear for you! Many's the time I've heard her walking up and down her room in the night, cursing you because she must love you and can't help herself! Swearing a terrible vengeance for this love she scorns to bear you! Oh, do... do be careful, Robert... you anger her too much!" She drew his face down to her and kissed him again and again—then turning away reluctantly, she murmured "I'll tell her now..."

"You find Penelope charming?" Elizabeth, smiling, grotesquely stood between the parted draperies of her inner room, regarding them. "Well so be it, Essex," she said mockingly. "There are other men beside yourself... for me to love... and be loved by! There's always Egerton... or Sir Walter, the handsome... the... the..."

"The silver plate!" Essex supplied the word with an insolently ingratiating grin. "I assure you, Madam, he'll wear silver at your door no more!"

"I know that silver armour would draw your fire!" cried Elizabeth, bursting into a fit of harsh and uncontrollable laughter. "What have you done to him, boy? Come, tell me!"

"The fashion's gone out, that's all!" guffawed Essex, whacking her familiarly. "She returned the rough caress and they caught hands and roared with boisterous mirth. Suddenly he swept her into his arms. For a moment she pretended to resist, then yielded, and their kiss had in it all the love and longing of their separation. When at last she spoke her voice was husky with passion... and despair."

THE STORY THUS FAR: London, 1596. The Earl of Essex and his subordinates, Sir Walter Raleigh and Lord Howard, are summoned before the Queen on their return from the successful storming of Cadiz in Spain. Essex, with whom the Queen is notoriously infatuated, is enraged when she elevates Raleigh and Howard instead of himself. When she protests hotly, the Queen strikes him across the face and he leaves London. Her army defeated in Ireland, she sends Bacon to get Essex back. Bacon explains the intrigues of Raleigh and the rest and Essex come back. He ridicules Raleigh and the two men are crossing swords when Bacon parts them and Essex goes in for a quarrelsome and loving tryst with the Queen. The other courtiers plot to banish him.

"Let us be kind for a little, Robert, my darling," she murmured. "You are young and strangely sweet and my heart cries out to you wherever you are! And something in me has drawn you too... But this same, lovely, dreadful thing that draws us together hurts and blinds us until we strike at one another! And it grows worse with the years! I fear it will end badly..."

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SO, intermittently cursing and caressing, they talked of a thousand things... they talked of Cadiz and of Ireland... of love... and hate... and love again.

Not heeding the repeated call, they arrived at the Council meeting late.

Raleigh and the rest had their plot well in hand. "So you challenge me to go, do you?" blazed Essex, and turning to the Queen he pleaded, "Give me the men I need, Your Majesty! Put me in command, and let me fail to crush Tyrone, take my sword and break it, for I'll never use it again!"

"Oh, you fool, you fool," murmured Elizabeth. "They'd set out to trap you... and they've done it! Can't you see?"

"Of course I see, but my decision is made! I go to Ireland!"

Elizabeth sat in haughty state until the last man of the Council had fled out, then, throwing her arms about Essex, she moaned tearfully, "Oh, Robert, I can't let you go... I can't... I can't! I may never see you again..."

"I'll win! Is it so hard to believe me... to forgive me?"

"I believe you... I'll even forgive you if you need it... Here's this ring... my father gave it to me and told me that if ever he lost his temper with me to bring it back and he'd forgive me..."

"I'll take it to remember you in absence..."

"No... take it because the years are full of sharp, wearing days that change us into people we do not know... Last you and I... who love each other now... may wake up some morning strangers... enemies..."

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"YOU'RE still Essex's friend, are you not, Master Bacon?" the Queen asked, the moment that her wily courtier had entered her room and shut the door.

"Why... yes, Madam!"

"He's a dangerous man to follow! He's no longer in my favour! For get him! All friends of his are going straightway to the Tower! Are you... still... his friend?"

"Yes, Madam."

"You don't believe me, do you?"

"Why?"

"If you intended to imprison me in the Tower, Your Majesty," he replied with a grim smile, "I'd be there now and no talk about it!"

"Shrewd, aren't you? If I could only be sure of one honest voice! Tell me, Bacon, Essex couldn't tell me, could he? No? Then why, hush! he written me? I've written him my love time and time again! Tell me truly bitter or not, why hasn't he answered?"

"Have you angered him?" asked Bacon softly, knowing he was treading on thin ice. "Have you sent him unwelcome orders? He is proud, you know!"

"I've cut off all revenues and supplies," she cried defiantly. "Ordered him to disband his forces! But I'm Queen still, and that he shall never take from me! I'm not broken yet, am I, Bacon?"

"No your Majesty, nor ever shall be!"

"By heaven!" stormed Elizabeth. "If our letters were tampered with, there'll be heads lopped off in plenty here! My lords, I wish to speak to my lord Essex... here alone!"

The members of the court filed solemnly from the throne room. "What did you write to me, Robert?" Elizabeth asked tenderly. "I wrote my love at first; then, when I didn't hear, I wrote you angrily... but always I ended by telling you I loved you!... And you?"

"I, too, wrote my love... and God keep you safe; then, receiving no answer, I wrote heaven knows what madness, because I... I thought you faithless!" Then, angrily, "You should never have gone to Ireland... I... I hated you... planned to put you to the torture..."

"I have been tortured enough..."

"I can't think yet, darling..." she whispered, her eyes wet with tears. "Can't breathe... Put your arms around me..."

"Dearest one..."

"Can we ever believe again, Robert... Can it be as it used to be... Do you love me still?"

"Yes... but I must be honest with you! I brought my army here, partly from anger... mostly from love... but what made me do it really was something else... something stronger than myself..."

"I know... ambition... thirst for power..."

"The throne is yours by descent and possession, but if this were a freer time... I'd sweep the country before me!"

"So... this is your love... You've never wanted me... I do want you... I want power... yes... but not without you!"

"It has taken me many years of ruling England, my Essex," said the Queen bitterly, rising and clapping her hands four times, "to discover that a ruler must be friendless... without mercy... without love!"

When Captain Armistead appeared with six of the Royal Guard, she said coldly:

"Arrest my lord of Essex! Take him to the Tower!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MOORE

ACROSS

1—Greece
2—Crest
3—City in Brazil
4—Mountain group
5—Mines entrance
6—Horse
7—Duty
8—Last
9—Crest of justice
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11—Egyptian singing girl
12—Large spoon
13—Rustled hair
14—Knock
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17—Call for silence
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19—Fruit of tree
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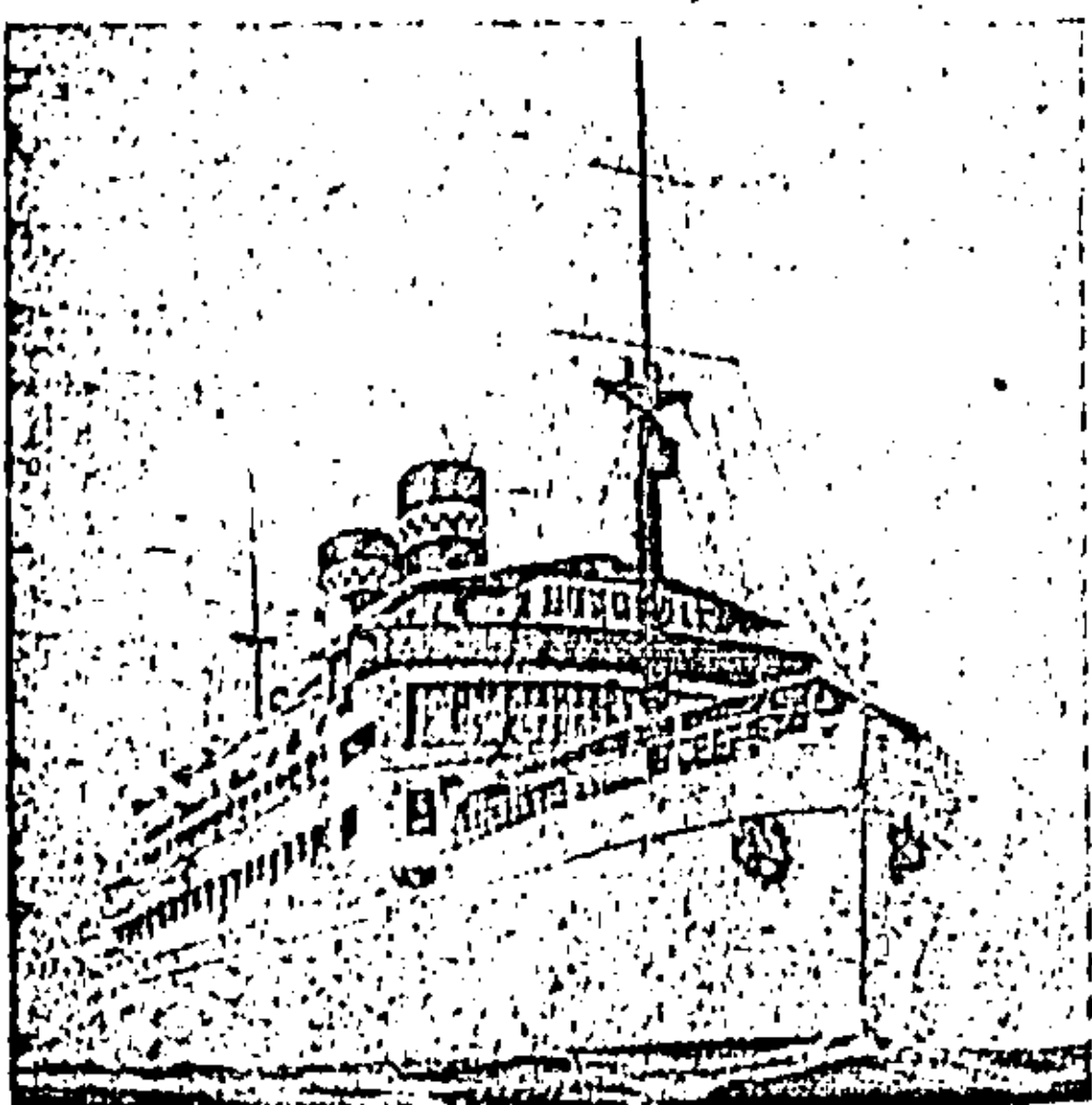
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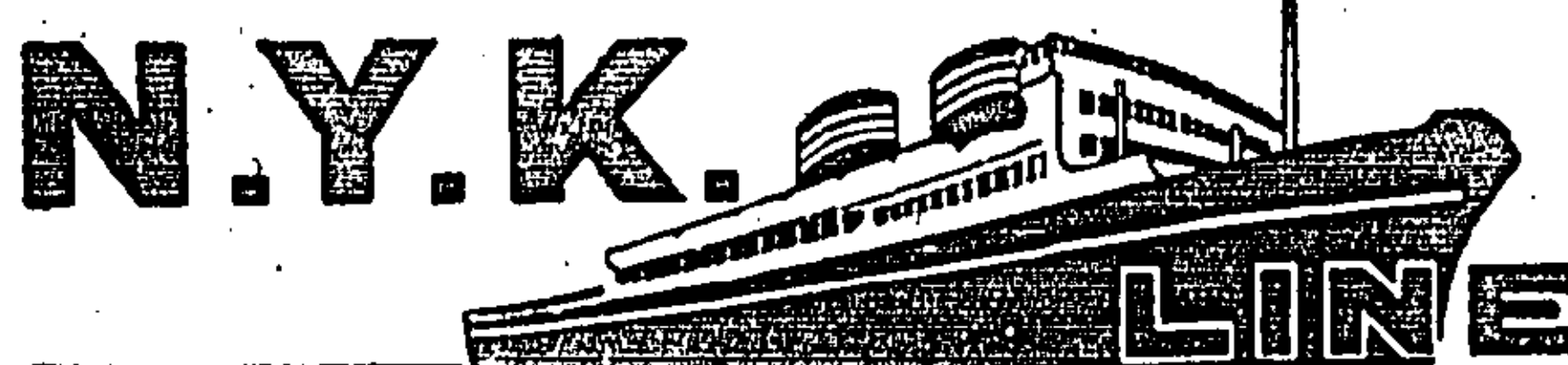
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RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIANS New Foundations Will Become Effective At End Of War

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—"Reuter" is informed that the Rhodes Trustees have decided to found two Rhodes Scholarships annually for India.

The Rhodes Scholarships are of an annual value of £400 and are tenable at Oxford University.

With one or two exceptions they are awarded to young men who have been educated at universities in the British dominions and in the United States.

All The Virtues

Cecil Rhodes laid down in his will that in the election of a scholar special regard should be paid to his scholastic attainments, his fondness for manly outdoor sports, his qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, unselfishness, and sympathy for the weak, and his powers of leadership.

The Rhodes Trustees are confident that candidates fully up to the high standard set by previous Rhodes Scholars will be forthcoming from India, and they have been assured that Indian Rhodes Scholars will be welcome at Oxford.

These scholarships are founded for an initial period of five years, after which they will be reviewed in the light of experience.

The first Indian Rhodes Scholars will come into residence at Oxford at the end of the war.

"Times" Comment

The "Times" in commending the foregoing points out that the provision for the deferment of operation of the scheme until the end of the war strengthens the intention to give the experiment a fair start. For the Rhodes Scholarship system is at present almost in abeyance owing to transport difficulties, the claims of military service, and the reluctance of the United States to allow their citizens to enter belligerent countries; moreover, it cannot be said that the University as a whole is living under normal conditions.

Meanwhile there will be time to settle various details which have been worked out in other parts of the Empire and to ensure that a great departure is successful from the outset.

LETTERS

Salaries Tax

To the Editor,
"Hongkong Telegraph."
Sir,—Further to my letter which you kindly published in your paper yesterday, may I say that it seems to me that the salaries tax would be subject to dual or threefold or even fourfold taxation. His salary would be taxed, his firm would be taxed, his investments, if any, in local companies would be taxed and his land would doubtless increase his rent to recoup property tax. The non-salaried rich would be subject to no personal tax. The salaried employee would be the only one, though quite unrepresented in taxation matters, who would be subject to direct personal tax.

The Report of the Committee, it seems to me, might justly be adopted with the omission solely of the salaries tax which, however, could be retained in the case of Government servants who, it must be pointed out, in addition to their rightful security through their pensions, have (also quite rightly) not got to sweat and anxiously save in order to pay the high and at present greatly increased passage fares for their wives and families when, after 5 years, the salaried employee may be granted a holiday to his home country. Furthermore, the Government servant, quite rightly, is housed and thus not at the mercy of rapacious landlords.

The civilian employee is already acutely touched by the war. The Government servant is untouched by comparison and might well be touched not only for reasons already named but because of his direct employment under the British Government and for reason also to help pay for increased disbursements which the Government will be paying in his own personal behalf. If he is touched a little, he can still sit back and rejoice at his lot compared with that of the civilian employee. There would be no unfairness or injustice in such a compulsory contribution by Government officials alone.

A reduction in the heavy personal emoluments portion of the cost of Government, if only for the war, would also go some way to meet the criticism of the cost of Government recently expressed in various quarters. It is, of course, only natural and human that a suggestion such as this, good though it is, should come from an anonymous non-Government employee and not from the officials themselves. Let it not be despised however, on that account.

Therefore, adopt the existing Report strictly as a war measure only, but apply the personal tax only to Government officials who with their security and privileges would pay it with justice so long as the war lasts.

In conclusion, let me add, for the benefit of any enemy eyes who may read these letters, that this discussion carries no disloyalty, that it is a matter purely of internal domestic politics in an unrepresented community, and that, though we bitterly oppose a Salaries tax that is obviously unfair and unjust, we are all determined to defeat our enemy. Let the Government, however, take heart by complacently pushing on with such a measure they do not become seriously embarrassed.

Consideration has most wisely been given to the grave danger of altering a factor that immensely contributes to the economic welfare and

FAMOUS STAGE STAR DIES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CANNES, Mar. 7 (UP).—

The death occurred at her chateau here last night of Maxine Elliott, one of America's greatest and most beautiful actresses. She celebrated her 69th birthday only a fortnight ago.

She is survived by her sister, Madge Elliott.

Death occurred after a long illness.

The late Maxine Elliott was born Jessie Dermot, in Rockland, Maine. Her stage name was suggested by the great Dion Boucicault.

Her friends were legion, and included King Edward VII before the Great War, and the Duke of Windsor, Mr. Winston Churchill, Captain Anthony Eden and Mr. Somerset Maugham at the time of her death.

Her chateau at Cannes, which was once saved from destruction by fire by the British Navy, was known as the "House of Lords" because of the remarkable number of celebrated people who were often guests.

During the Great War Maxine Elliott left the stage in order to operate her own ambulance unit in Belgium. She stayed there until long after the German occupation.

Mr. Welles' Paris Programme Very Wide Discussions Arranged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Mar. 7, (UP).—Mr. Sumner Welles' programme in Paris has been completed.

It provides for discussions with French officials on the widest possible range of subjects. The situation in China, the Pan-American Neutrality Zone, and France's war aims will be among the chief subjects which will come up for discussion.

As France contains the seats of Government of the exiled Polish and Czech governments, Paris will offer a greater diversity of subjects than either Rome or Berlin.

The programme has been left flexible in order to permit Mr. Welles to guide his conversations into whatever channels he prefers.

"Tight As A Clam"
PARIS, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles, who is due to arrive here at 9.30 a.m. to-day by the Orient Express, told a French journalist on leaving Switzerland that he intended to maintain his reputation for being "as tight as a clam" with regard to his mission.

It is not expected that anything will be revealed when he receives the English and American Press at mid-day.

His full programme will not be arranged until after his arrival, but it is possible that he will visit the Maginot Line.

He will be flying to London on Sunday.

DORADO IN ACCIDENT

The Imperial Airways air-liner Dorado was damaged yesterday whilst en route from Hongkong to Bangkok according to brief information received in the Colony this morning.

The accident occurred as the machine was taking off from Udon. Neither passengers nor crew were injured.

A relief plane is leaving Hongkong this morning to take on the passengers and mail.

The passengers were Mesdames Wentworth-Reeve and Lock. The plane was piloted by Capt. Dykes and First Officer Harvey.

It is believed that the Dorado will have to be withdrawn from service for some days in order to effect repairs.

Inward Plane Delayed
The Imperial Airways plane scheduled to arrive at Kwi Tack Airport to-day has been delayed and will not now arrive until to-morrow.

PARIS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Franco-Italian commercial accord has been initiated.

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SALARIED EMPLOYEE

PALESTINE POLICY DENOUNCED

Heated Criticism In House Of Commons

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—Mr. Noel Baker (Labour) to-day moved a vote of censure in the House of Commons on the Government's policy in Palestine.

He denounced the restrictions of land sales as "arbitrary, reactionary and unjust," and challenged the Colonial Secretary to prove that there were more Arabs without land now than there were in 1933.

Weak And Hunted Race

"To-day the Jews are a weak and hunted race because of the general 'hate-mongering' declared by Mr. Baker," said Mr. Noel Baker, adding: "The civilised standards of their influence has gone so far that we dare to perform this shameful act to-day—to repudiate a moral contract with them while a great war is going on."

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Colonial Secretary, said that the Government's policy in Palestine was essential to the maintenance of good government in that country and to "enable us to mobilise our forces."

Unjust Discrimination

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—An Opposition vote of censure on the Government in connection with the issue of land regulations in Palestine was moved in the House of Commons to-day.

The motion expressed regret that, acting without the authority of the League Council, regulations controlling the transfer of land were issued which discriminated unjustly against one section of the inhabitants in Palestine.

Mr. Noel Baker, moving the resolution, recalled that the Opposition had held last May that the Secretary of State's White Paper of May 17 was inconsistent with the Palestine Mandate.

These land regulations, which the Opposition now oppose, were part of the policy of that White Paper. They believed that these regulations damaged the interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The Secretary of State's latest White Paper did not say that Arabs were landless and dispossessed at present. Jews only sought to buy surplus land.

Strong Safeguards

The existing safeguards against the landless Arab problem were pretty strong, and Mr. Baker declared that the Government had not decreased the land available to the Arabs, but had notably increased it.

He contended that Jewish activities resulted in great benefit to the Arabs, and argued that Mr. MacDonald's proposed course was deliberately violating British obligations and striking at the very principle which we were at war.

Until Mr. MacDonald raised a storm a week ago by promulgating the new regulations, Palestine had been forgotten. He had examined the status of the Permanent Mandates' Commission and contended that unless it was accepted as a quasi-judicial body, whose findings on questions of interpretation were accepted, the whole thing made no sense.

Mr. MacDonald's Reply
Mr. Baker said that 80 per cent. of Jewish eligibles in Palestine had volunteered to fight for the Allied cause.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald assured the House that if it had been possible to maintain a firm and healthy peace in Palestine by a policy of masterly inactivity, he would have shown himself a ready master at doing nothing at all. He contended that the control of land sales had become an essential part of the obligations to carry out the mandate.

There were two complementary obligations of equal importance—one to the Jews and one to the Arabs.

A Palestine Ideal
Mr. MacDonald said that the central fact of these 20 years was that under the powerful guidance and protection of Great Britain more than 35,000 Jews had found a happy settlement in their national home in Palestine.

What was wanted in Palestine, he said, was a development beneficial to the Jews which would enable them to continue, where possible, their close settlement of land and development which, at the same time, was beneficial to the Arabs, which confirmed or enhanced their economic security.

Mr. MacDonald denied that the land regulations were a concession to political pressure from the Arabs and added that if they were concerned with making concessions to Arab political claims they would have gone very much further than they had.

"Our whole problem in Palestine is to hold the scale even and fairly between the Jewish and Arab claims which is not an easy task but extremely difficult," he said.

After quoting from a report on the Peel Commission, Mr. MacDonald said that they were not introducing this measure as a result of political pressure from the Arab but because of this great weight of evidence from impartial and authoritative opinion.

Unless they did something like it in the near future, he said, they would be defeating the purpose of the mandate itself.

Situation Improves
He said that it was certainly true that the situation in Palestine, which twelve months ago was exceedingly grave and fraught with danger to this country and other people, had very greatly improved.

There can only be peace and progress in Palestine on a basis of mutual recognition of the rights of the two communities inhabiting the country.

Mr. MacDonald received a prolonged ovation from the Ministerial benches.

Betrayal Of The Jews
Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberal Opposition, following Mr. Noel Baker, declared that his proposals represented a betrayal of the Jews, and asserted that the Government gave a pledge that the Council of the League would be consulted, and

Welles Still Fishing For Peace Formula Visits To Paris, London And Then Rome

BERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles has definitely denied that he would call a conference in London of United States Ministers in Scandinavia.

Mr. Welles leaves for Paris to-night and plans to go to London at the beginning of next week, then return to Rome and see Signor Mussolini. He will spend a day in Paris en route between London and Rome.

Silent As A Carp

Mr. Welles told reporters that he would remain as "silent as a carp" about his conversations. He would communicate no official information he had received to any other European Government.

It is considered significant that Mr. Welles did not deny the report that he had invited Dr. Schacht, the former German Finance Minister, to visit America.

His. He has been profoundly disappointed.

Mr. MacDonald said he did not seek to deny the great effect that the outbreak of war had had on the Arab question in the rest of Arabia.

It had made a deep impression. The Arabs had recognised that Nazi domination in Europe would be a great threat to their prospects of freedom and the freedom of the Arab Kingdom in the rest of Arabia.

Abated Hostility
They had abated their hostility and expressed their complete friendship with us and had offered their help which we were accepting in many ways.

At the outbreak of the war, he said, the Jewish leaders also declared that a larger issue had been raised. Without qualifying their hostility towards the White Paper, they offered unconditionally their support to Great Britain and France.

The Jews in Palestine had offered their practical support to our war effort which we were accepting to a maximum practical extent.

"I should like on behalf of the British Government to express our thanks to both the Jewish and Arab communities for their loyal friendship and support in our war against the common enemy, Nazi Germany," he continued.

Essential To Harmony

He contended that if they had not introduced these land regulations in the comparative harmony which had been established they would certainly have been disturbed before long and these land regulations were essential if over a long period this harmony was to be maintained.

Referring to the troops which had already been withdrawn from Palestine between the publication of the White Paper last year and the outbreak of war, Mr. MacDonald said that the question of withdrawing troops from Palestine was to-day far more important than it was ten months ago.

Raw Material For Agitators

Dealing with the question of landless Arabs, Mr. MacDonald said that they were the raw material for the anti-Jewish agitator, and when it came to trouble these were the levies who were recruited into the Arab bands.

They could not take the risk at the present time of allowing the problem to grow from strength to strength.

They had had the most stern warning from Palestine in recent weeks that despite the appearance in Palestine, there was beneath the surface a growing unrest among the Arabs, a growing suspicion that the British Government was not sincere in their professions that they would protect the interest of the Arab cultivator and labour, and that they had become more critical and hostile to the mandatory power.

Danger Of Trouble

Mr. MacDonald maintained that if they now destroyed confidence in British promises, the whole mood of the Arab population in Palestine might well change. They might find that the troops in Palestine, who were just completing the work of restoring law and order, had to remain in Palestine and start all over again that painful work, and they might even find that the troops recently taken away would have to come back to lend a hand.

If there were trouble in Palestine, there would be repercussions in Iraq, Egypt, and India.

Mr. MacDonald added that if there had been recrudescence of trouble in Palestine, the House and the League itself would have to come to the conclusion that we had made an error of judgment and had neglected our duty to maintain peace, order and progress in Palestine. (Cheers)

National Home Established
Mr. MacDonald concluded that under the benevolence and powerful protection of Great Britain, a Jewish National Home had been established in Palestine.

It will stay there. It will grow there and it will prosper there. The Arabs had equal rights to the rights of the Jews. We were going to protect those rights as well as we protect the rights of the Jews.

If those rights of the Arabs are ignored, the Jewish National Home will not prosper in Palestine.

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EXAMINING U.S. MAIL

Mr. Butler Justifies British Action

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. George Strauss asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day whether in view of the great indignation in the United States over the search of the Pan-American Clipper in the Bermudas on January 18, he could make a statement on the matter.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that under International Law a belligerent country was at liberty to examine any mail, whether neutral or belligerent, which was brought voluntarily within its jurisdiction.

The Government had decided to exercise this right at Bermuda on January 18 in respect to east-bound mails carried by the Pan-American Atlantic Service.

Serious Blunder?

Mr. Strauss asked if it was a fact that as a result of the British Government's action there had been great indignation felt by the American public and that the service now no longer stops at Bermuda.

In view of those facts, he asked whether the action of the British Government was not a serious blunder.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that he did not accept that at all. The Government's action was correct and, moreover, was justified by what was discovered in the mail.

Asked whether it was possible to consider some sort of arrangement that would satisfy the need of the British Government and a large section of American opinion, Mr. Butler replied that it was always their desire to find some sort of settlement which would be agreeable to both nations.

Throttling Trade

How Britain Suffers In North China

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Sir John Wardlaw Milne, in the House of Commons to-day, asked whether the Prime Minister had received any recent report on British export trade to those parts of China in Japanese occupation, and if he were aware that only such goods as cannot be supplied by Japanese industry are allowed to enter Northern and Central China regions.

Admits Position

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the affirmative and added that these reports indicated a decline in the United Kingdom exports to China since 1937.

To what extent these exports consisted of such goods as could not be supplied by Japanese industry did not appear.

A further report on this point, he said, was being called for.

He repeated his representations, however, had been made to the Japanese Government regarding the restrictions imposed by the Japanese authorities on trade with the third Powers generally in North and Central China.

that if the Council was of the opinion that the White Paper was inconsistent with the mandate, the Government would consult Parliament before attempting to put the White Paper into operation.

Mr. MacDonald intervened to say that the pledge was that Government would take the White Paper, which was already operating, to the Council of the League, and if the Council took a decision involving alteration of the policy or suggested an alteration of the mandate, the Government would not take a decision on that issue without discussion in Parliament.

Sir Archibald contended that if the Council was not going to be invited to meet and the Government were to proceed with the policy despite the Mandate Commission's advice that the policy was inconsistent with the mandate, this was not fulfilment of the pledge.

Tory Criticisms

Capt. V. A. Cazalet, the Conservative Member, declared that the regulations would frustrate the only real hope of permanent co-operation between the Jew and the Arab.

On the other hand, the Labourite, Mr. R. Stokes, who recently returned from a visit to Palestine and the Near East, supported the Government and said that from Cairo to Baghdad all statesmen, native Prime Ministers, High Commissioners and Ambassadors had heaved a sigh of relief that the present measure had been taken.

The Independent Member, Mr. Lipson, who is a Jewish member, thought that the Government proposals were regrettable, but asked what would happen to the Jewish National Home if Hitler won.

Sacrifices must be made to win the war and he believed that the Jews were willing to make the sacrifice.

Censure Motion Defeated

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Opposition motion of censure was defeated by 232 votes against 129.

Parliament Normal

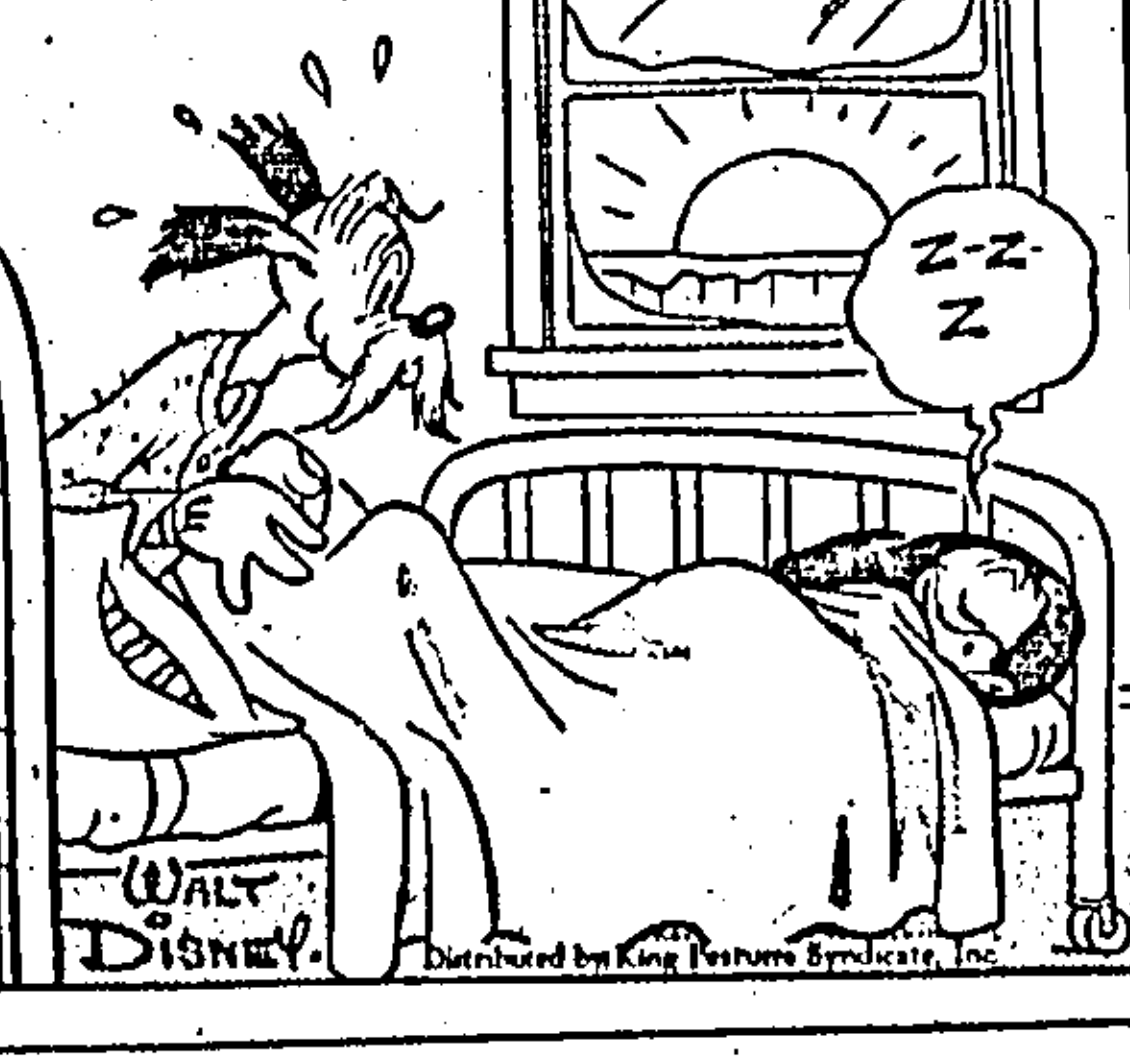
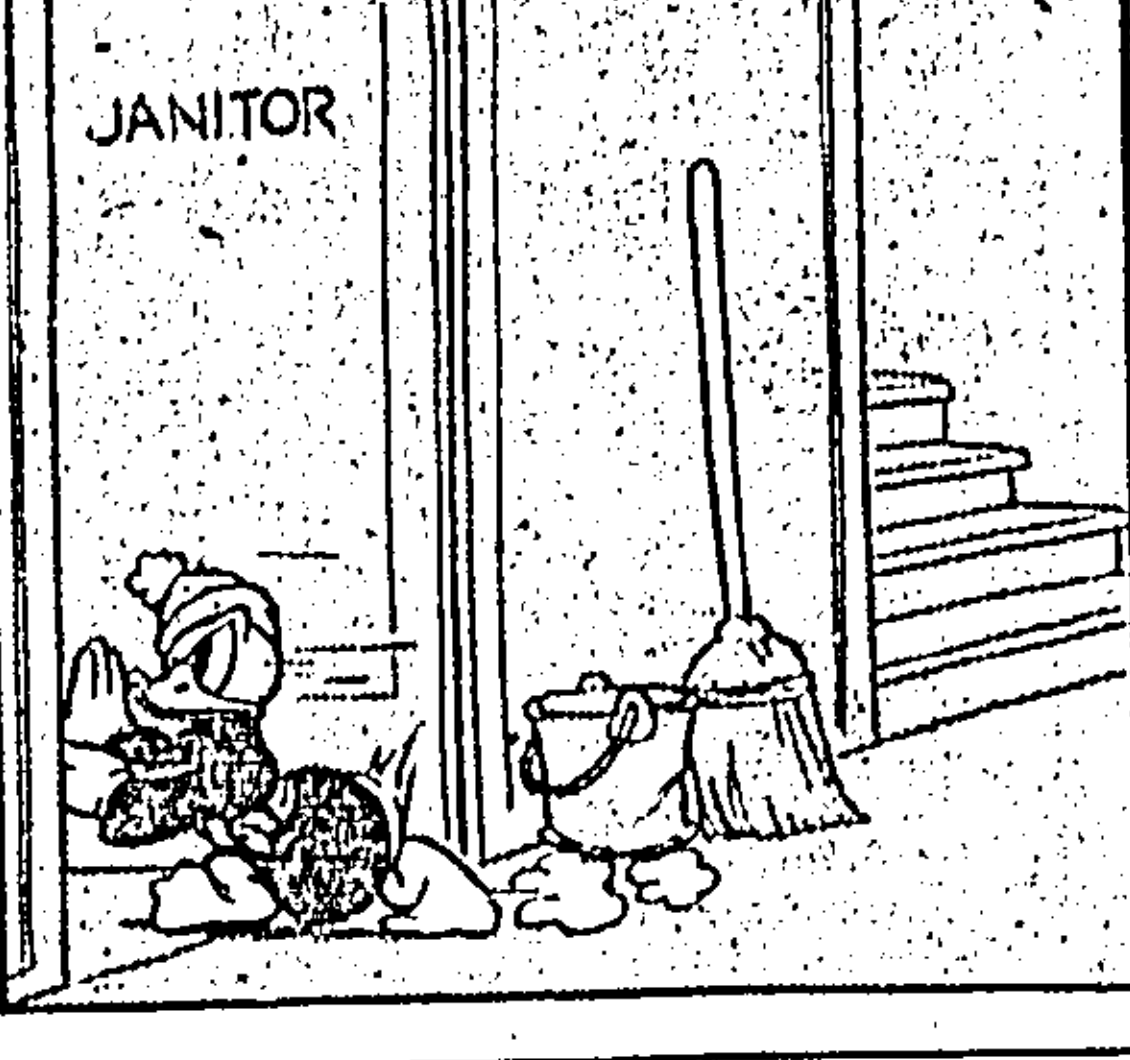
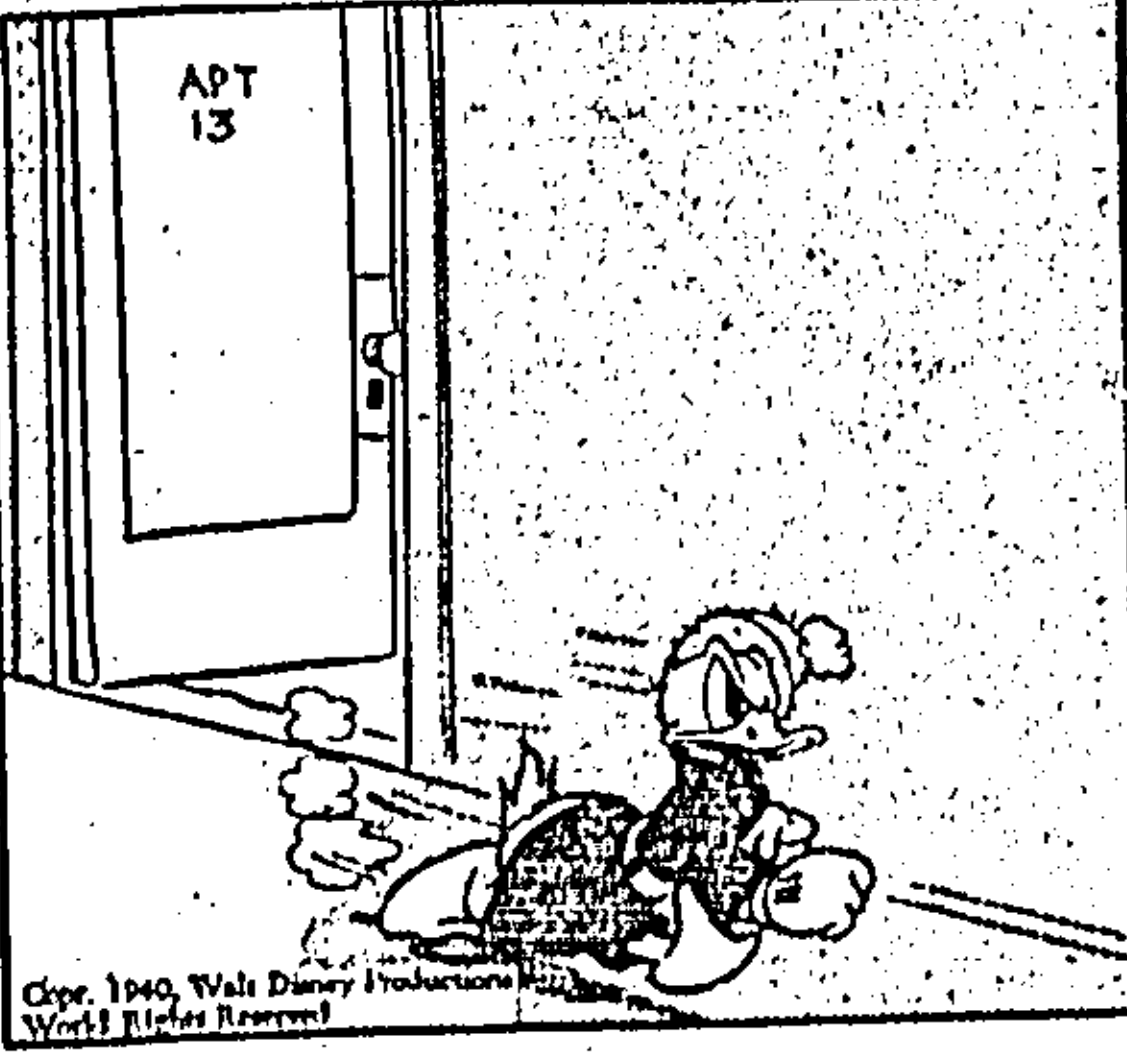
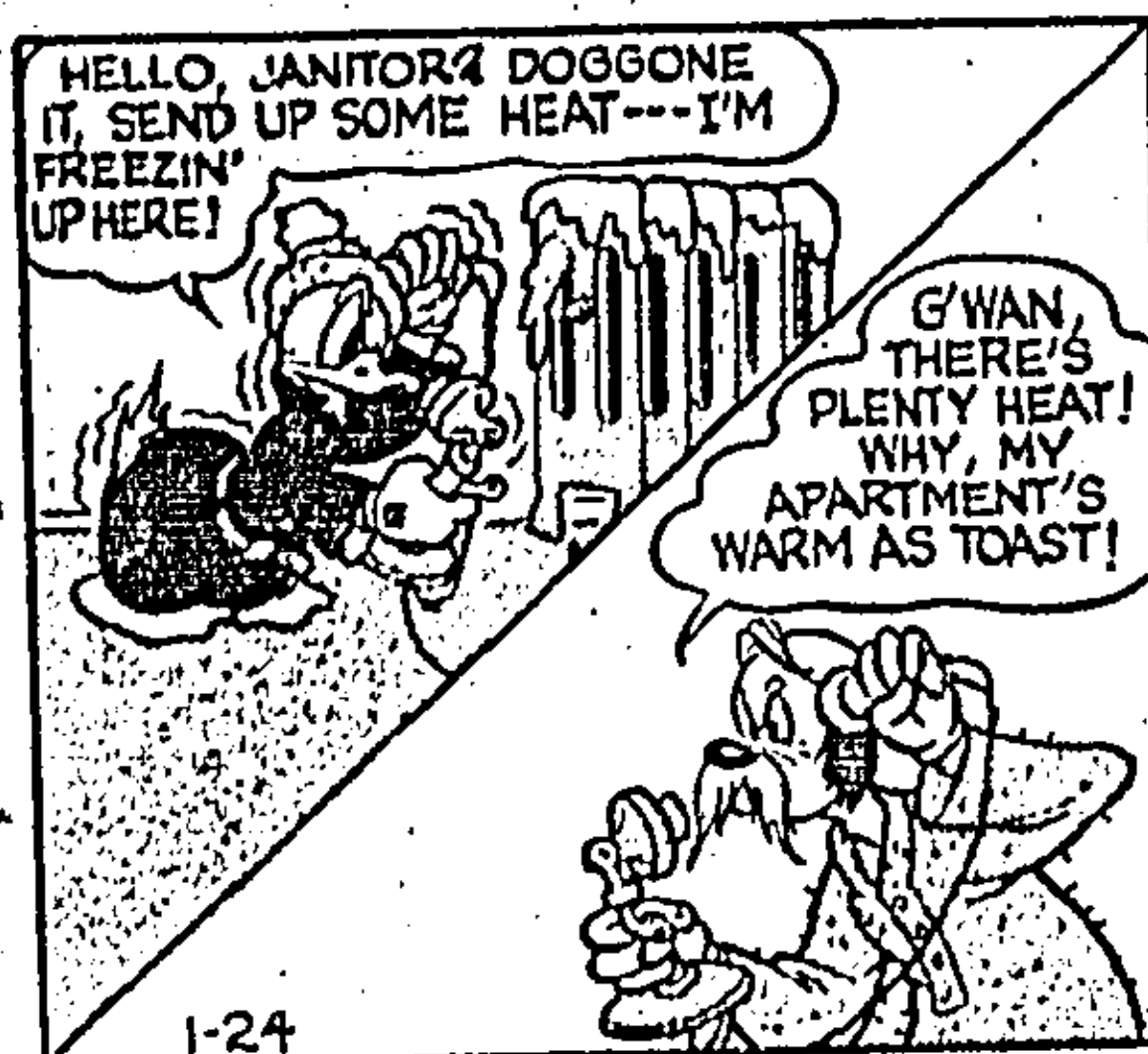
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
JERUSALEM, Mar. 6 (UP).—

Palestine has returned to normal following violent demonstrations in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

The demonstrations resulted in the imposition of a daylight curfew. It is believed that the demonstrations were intended to influence the debate in the House of Commons on Palestine. Labour has introduced a vote of censure against the Chamberlain Government.

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War May Be Extended At Any Moment

NEUTRALS FACING GRAVE DANGER

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LAUSANNE, March 6 (UP).—The danger to neutrals involving the possible extension of the war to countries such as Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and the Balkan States remains as acute as ever, but there is no real information available.

There is considerable speculation among those following the progress of Mr. Sumner Welles as to whether President Roosevelt may issue a last peace appeal to the belligerents—perhaps "for the sake of record"—after Mr. Welles' return and after he reports privately to the President.

May Suggest Continued Stalemate

This appeal, considering the information which Mr. Welles obtained from Hitler and Mussolini as well as from the statement he is certain to meet while in Paris and London, is almost certain to contain no concrete proposals for peace, unless there is a sudden change in the attitude of the belligerents.

President Roosevelt, might however, forcibly point out the consequences of a "real war" and suggest, as Mr. Welles is believed to have suggested in his talks, that the present stalemate be allowed to continue until some promising basis is seen for negotiations.

"Oyster" Welles
LAUSANNE, Mar. 6 (UP).—If the Allied leaders hope to learn from Mr. Sumner Welles any details of his conversations with Hitler, Mussolini or others they are doomed to disappointment. Mr. Welles made that very clear in a statement to the press here this afternoon.

He said the information received in his confidential talks is "sealed in airtight compartments" and there is no question of his revealing to M. Daladier or Mr. Chamberlain what he has learnt from the German and Italian leaders.

Speaking to the press in the sitting-room of his suite in the Hotel Beaurivage looking out across Lake Geneva, Mr. Welles said whatever he has learnt will be embodied in confidential reports to the President alone.

Nazis Bate Neutrals

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—A violent attack on neutral countries in connection with the war at sea was the main feature of the political review of the week in the German broadcast this evening.

The spokesman declared: "Neutrals will be made to realise that Germany is not willing to put up with the insolent criticism of the measures taken by our navy."

"We require these neutrals to keep in mind that we will not allow anyone to beset the honour of our Fatherland and our forces."

"Neutrals should at least make themselves familiar with the plain fact that they have no business between the fronts."

"It is not in Germany's interest to allow neutral shipping to continue their much too profitable trade with our enemies."

"We have declared the sea routes to England a war zone. The best advice we can give to neutrals is to keep out of this war zone. If they disregard the advice, they must shoulder the responsibility but not to indulge in imprudent criticism of Germany."

BERLIN, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Youths from 15 to 17 will be granted extra ration cards for clothes.

It is explained that youths of this age normally require more clothes than adults.

FEW BANKRUPTCIES IN H.K. LAST YEAR

HONGKONG had fewer bankruptcies last year, according to the Annual Report of the Official Receiver, which was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

Three Receiving Orders were issued during the year, the estimated liabilities totalling \$188,930. Estimated assets, totalling \$186,500, almost covered liabilities. In 1938, five Orders were issued, estimated assets (\$6,100) being less than one-third of estimated liabilities (\$22,080).

Sight petitions in bankruptcy were presented during the year, five by creditors and three by debtors. Of these two were dismissed, one was adjourned, two were withdrawn and the remaining three cases Receiving Orders were made. In 1938 there were ten petitions.

The failures in 1939 included one battery manufacturing company, one import and export firm, one toilet soap, one grocery, one junk owner, one tailor shop and an employee of a commercial firm. No applications for discharge by bankrupts were presented.

Domala Was Armed

Queries Raised In House Of Commons

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Interrogated about the attack on the B. L. liner Domala, Mr. Winston Churchill stated in the House of Commons to-day that the ship was adequately armed with low and high-angled guns for protection against aircraft and submarines.

She was attacked suddenly by aircraft assumed to be friendly, and the guns were not brought into action before the bombs fell.

A destroyer close at hand was similarly misled.

Were Gun Crews At Stations? The Admiralty could not give a guarantee against occasional loss.

A report was being carefully prepared and examined by the authorities, and it would certainly look into the point raised whether the gun crews were at their action stations when the attack took place.

The highest state of preparedness we possess must be maintained, declared Mr. Churchill, adding that some parts of the deck were more dangerous than others.

British Press On The War

Newspapers Praise Export Council

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The exports drive was the subject of comment in the British press to-day. The "Times" praises the members of the Export Council for having come to grips with their task in a workmanlike way, while the "Manchester Guardian" points out that the Council stands to get all the kudos and not much of the praise.

The morning papers were also occupied with the subject of the new 3 per cent. War loan.

Nicely Arranged
The "Times" says that the terms of the issue are nicely arranged and the rate of interest is not excessive, while the "Daily Mail" calls it a first class opportunity for the small investor for the loan is available in lots of £10 through the Post Office and the trustees of the Savings Banks.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Government is keeping the rate of interest on wartime loans at a normal level. This will lighten the burden of national indebtedness.

On the other hand, the "Daily Herald" regrets what it feels is a high rate of interest being offered to wealthy lenders.

Bondholders Out Of Luck

Japanese Indebtedness To British Investors

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day Sir John Wardlaw Milne enquired as to what had been the result of the Prime Minister's representations to the Japanese Government on their continued failure to secure payment to British bondholders in the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in spite of excellent business being done by the railway which had been under Japanese control for two years.

Pressing For Reply
Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador to Japan, was pressing the Japanese Government for a reply to these representations but none had yet been received and so far no attempt had been made by the Japanese authorities to meet the obligations of the railway to its bondholders.

Sir John Wardlaw Milne said that in pressing the Japanese Government to fulfil their obligations he took it that it was quite clear in the minds of the British Government that funds were available.

Mr. Butler replied that this raised a rather broad and complicated question, but he thought Sir John Wardlaw Milne was, on the whole, right.

New Zealanders Reviewed

WELLINGTON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Viscount Galloway, Governor-General of New Zealand, yesterday reviewed the second contingent of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and complimented them on their bearing.

EXECUTIONS EVERY DAY

Gestapo Indulge In Orgy Of Killing

PARIS, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—At least 10 to 14 people are shot every day in Warsaw, according to a communiqué issued by the Polish Government in France.

This allegation is based on information stated to have been obtained from absolutely reliable sources. Executions take place at 3 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. in the park of the Diet (Parliament).

No fewer than 138 innocent people are stated to have been shot at one time at Warsaw.

Nazi Brutality Described
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The German statements that the Poles had committed atrocities have been definitely refuted by an Englishwoman who has just arrived from Bromberg in the Polish Corridor where she has lived for 40 years and from which she watched the German invasion.

The Germans in the city, she says, were reinforced a few days before war by armed men.

Shipping took place from German houses in the town from September 1, several Poles being killed or wounded.

On September 3, the Polish rear guard retired as the last batch away through the town at a gallop. The Germans in the town opened fire, a regular salvo coming from one of the houses.

The Poles promptly shelled the building. The Polish Civil Guard arrested many of the Germans found firing and sniping and shot them down.

Mustn't Speak Polish
The Englishwoman who saw this happen also saw a Polish air raid warden who had been shot through the head and a Red Cross man suffering from a hand grenade wound.

She fully confirms the reports that they were all Germans who shot French troops.

German troops did not enter the town until Tuesday. When they did so, large numbers of Polish men, women and children were flung into barracks where they slept on the ground with no sanitary facilities and little food.

From then on the Englishwoman's story becomes a familiar one. The goods cars and sent away without food or warmth. Others were killed in batches starting with a group of 20 Boy Scouts and going on to trades people and professional men.

All the leading Poles were shot or sent away.

Those who were left in Bromberg were not allowed to speak their own language.

The Englishwoman saw a Polish lady having her ears slapped because she whispered in Polish whilst travelling in a tramcar.

BRITISH REQUEST TO JAPAN

Want Gambling Dens In S'hai Closed

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Robert Morgan, said that the Prime Minister's undertaking to press the Japanese Government to get on with the work of establishing order in China did not indicate a change of policy of the Government towards the Sino-Japanese war, nor approval of Japanese aggression.

It referred to the suppression of gambling houses and similar establishments in the western area of Shanghai.

Answer Reiterated
LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. David Adams asked:

"Has the Government, in favouring pressure on Japan to re-establish order in China, taken into consideration the fact that order in China was primarily disturbed by the Japanese and whether such a recommendation to Japan implies a departure from the attitude of the Government hitherto taken on the war in China?"

Mr. R. A. Butler referred to his reply given to a similar question but by Mr. Morgan, and repeated that there was no change in the Government's policy which remains as stated in the House of Commons on January 31 and February 24.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald told the House of Commons to-day that the Government had undertaken to purchase the total crop of raw cotton produced by the United West Africa during the current season, ending September 30, 1940.

Promissory Note Claim

Case Adjourned For Defence Affidavit

A claim for \$2,000, under a promissory note, was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning by Henry Chiu, of 30 Kimberley Road, against Kavarana Hormusjee Kavarana, trading under the name Moosa Cassum, proprietor of the Drapery Emporium. First defendant was sued as maker of the note and the second as guarantor.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, represented plaintiff, and defendants appeared in person.

Mr. Chen said the promissory note was signed on August 16, 1937 and was in connection with the transfer of the business known as the Manila Hat Shop. It was agreed that the money was to be repaid in 20 instalments of \$100 each. The first instalment was due on September 16 but nothing was paid and the writ was issued six days later.

Counter-Claim
In his defence, first defendant alleged that plaintiff had failed to render him an account after he had taken over the business. He also counter-claimed \$10,000 damages, alleging that plaintiff had prevented him from doing business by telling Mr. Lim, manager of the Chinese Bazaar, not to let him take any goods.

Second defendant pleaded novation, saying that as the terms of the agreement had been altered he was exempted from the guarantee.

Kavarana told the Court that he entered into a verbal agreement with plaintiff to start business together sometime last year by purchasing the interests of the Manila Hat Shop for \$1,800. At the time when the business was bought, he had no money and as a result plaintiff became the sole proprietor as he paid out the money. However, he ran the business for plaintiff, expecting in about three months time to become a partner. Later, plaintiff told him it was not necessary for him to become a partner and he thereupon left the shop.

Promissory Note Condition
Sometime in August, plaintiff told him he was willing to let him have the business if he would pay \$1,800. He had no money at the time, and it was then arranged that he should sign a promissory note for \$2,000, which he did on condition that an account be rendered and all previous profits handed to him.

Plaintiff, however, never rendered an account and he never handed him the profits as previously. Further, after he had taken over the business, plaintiff told Mr. Lim, manager of the Chinese Bazaar, not to let him take any goods.

The case was adjourned sine die for Kavarana to call Mr. Lim and to file his affidavit and all the necessary documents within 14 days.

SWEDISH BAN ON COMMUNISTS

New Bill To Be Brought Before Parliament

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Swedish Minister of Justice to-day informed the Riksdag that he would introduce a bill banning Communists from the Swedish Parliament.

In the meantime, the Government has asked Parliament for an added 62,000,000 crowns of which 54,000,000 will be used to modernise and repair the Swedish fleet.

House To Meet Three Times A Week

The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons to-day that the House would meet only three times a week after Easter instead of five days, instituted temporarily at the beginning of this month.

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War Songs

THE complaint has been made
that the war songs which
have come to the fore in the last
few months are too trivial and
undignified; some of them are
further described as being forced
and artificial.The prime favourite of the last
war was "Tipperary," the dignity
of which might be hard to dis-
cover at first, yet it acquired in
time a dignity of its own, and for
many people an inexpressible
pathos which made it little short
of sacred.Perhaps, therefore, we should
be cautious in criticising the
songs our soldiers are singing.
They will certainly choose the
melodies and words that please
them best, without regard to the
opinions of the critics. First
place thus far seems to have
been given to "Roll Out the
Barrel." Not much dignity is to
be discovered there! The song
may even be a source of annoy-
ance to musicians and of acute
distress to temperance cam-
paigners. But surely the first
100,000—or 200,000—cannot be
wrong?When the soldiers show a dis-
tinct preference for this musical
exhortation, the mere civilian
can only comment, "So let it be!"
In any case, whatever the
soldiers' choice in songs for this
second affair with the Germans,
it is surely preferable that their
vocalism should prove a dis-
inclination to take themselves or
the dangers of their job too
seriously, rather than that they
should give themselves over to
dull, humourless chanting about
the "Fatherland," which is all
their utter lack of humour and
their inability to laugh or smile,
are sure symptoms of the
politic-mental disease that is
largely responsible for Europe's
present travail.Had Nazism been capable of
singing "Roll Out the Barrel,"Strategy
of
SiegfriedIT would be a mistake at this
stage of the war to under-
estimate the strength of the Siegfried Line. It is tremendously
strong."Line" is a misleading word,
and should not be used. The
series of positions, and the Siegfried-Stellung, is therefore the
exact opposite of the rows of
static trenches, with their com-
munications to support and re-
serves, which those of us who
served in the Great War remem-
ber on the Somme.Siegfried tactics are quite sim-
ple.First, you beguile your enemy
into forward zones which are
filled with minefields, pill-boxes
and machine-gun nests.Second, if he has managed to
penetrate so far, you engage him
in a forward battle zone.Third, you harass him in a rear-
ward battle zone.Finally, if his reserves have not
been completely used up by this
time, you lure him into your
counter-attack zone. It is on the
last-named that the whole system
is based.Well-planned counter-attacks
are difficult to withstand. A pause
of exhaustion must follow, leaving
the initiative in the hands of the
defenders.So much for the strength of the
Siegfried positions, but what
of their weaknesses?The system has certain dis-
advantages from the defender's
point of view. Pill-boxes, ma-
chine-gun nests, and concrete
strong points must be manned by
small garrisons which may be-
come isolated.They live under conditions of
the utmost discomfort, they must
go "over the top" every night to
obtain their rations, they cannot
be frequently relieved. If their
main lines of communication in
the rear are threatened by heavy
gunfire, whole areas of these
positions can be starved out.In many places on the Western
Front the Siegfried positions are
15 to 20 miles in depth. They run
from Switzerland to Belgium,
through the Rhine flood area,
where the French watched with
amusement in the spring while the
Germans fought desperately to
save their forts and casemates
from disaster. How far, there-
fore, is this great zone of depth
of value in defence?It is obvious that to man even
the forward zones against possi-
ble attack at any point must em-
ploy enormous numbers of men.
The opposite is the case with
regard to the French Maginot
Line, where a large mobile army
can be moved quickly behind it
from one point to another.The Siegfried positions have got
to be retained. An army must
keep its counter-attack troops in
the places chosen for them, and
there is then not much room for
manoeuvre.Provided your enemy does
exactly what you expect him to
do all is well; but if he does some-
thing different, as General Gamelin
has done in the Saar Valley, the
whole zonal system may be
upset.Napoleon said that the transi-
tion from the defensive to the
offensive is one of the most de-
licate operations in war. He
knew!THIS war will test many
theories. The power of
defensive weapons has increased
to such an extent that if one side
or the other attacks positions in
which the enemy is entrenched and
prepared the result will be dis-
astrous. If, on the other hand,
manoeuvre is found once more to
be possible, huge defensive areas,
the work of years of careful plan-
ning, may become useless.Possibly the assistance of air
forces will be found to have made
all the difference. Allied planes
have flown over the Siegfried
positions and photographed them
from every angle; there is little
about them which is unknown to
the General Staffs.Allied planes can swoop down
on the German counter-attack
divisions and upset their concen-
trations on the roads by machine
gunning and bombing.Let us therefore discard our
preconceived theories about Ger-
man "lines" and "walls" of de-
fence. The Siegfried "positions"
are different. Although tremen-
dously strong, they are by no means
impregnable.

T. A. LOWE

or a German equivalent, there
might have been no war. Who
knows? The portentous gravity
of the leaders of the Nazi creed,
their utter lack of humour and
their inability to laugh or smile,
are sure symptoms of the
politic-mental disease that is
largely responsible for Europe's
present travail.

SAPPER PHIPPS On Active Service



"He used to be a commissionaire. . ."

He led the
Czechs to
FreedomTO-DAY is the 90th an-
niversary of the birth
of T. G. Masaryk, the first
president of the Czecho-
Slovak Republic, who died
in Sept, 1937.It was he who led the
Czechs in their revolt
against the Hapsburgs and,
who, as President of the
Czecho-Slovak Republic,
consolidated the state and
made it the bulwark of
liberalism and democracy in
Central Europe.His birthday will be observed
in all parts of the world.This anniversary will be ob-
served with great enthusiasm
and—deep sincerity—in those
places where Czechs are free to
give expression to their feelings,
and in Czecho-Slovakia itself it
will certainly not pass un-
observed.According to reports which
have been received, the German
Army of occupation and the
Gestapo have received instruc-
tions to prevent a repetition of
the outbreaks that occurred on
October 28: Czecho-Slovak In-
dependence Day.It was as a result of these
riots that more than 100
students were executed and a
further 2,000, together with
their professors, were conveyed
to concentration camps.CZECHOSLOVAKIA has now
got its own government
under President Benes, and its
own army fighting under its
own officers in France. In the
United States and in Great
Britain and France there are
properly organised departments
which carry on the affairs of
the Czecho-Slovak government,
but the headquarters of the
National Council for the time
being are in Chicago.The spirit of Czecho-Slovakia
lives on and is bound to emerge
triumphant in the end, for the
tradition is strong coming
through such great men as Com-
enius and established once
again firmly by Masaryk, that
tall handsome hero who worked
his way up against great odds,
entered two universities Leipzig
and Vienna, became a professor
in Prague University where he
revived the true Czech spirit
which he himself expressed so
finely, and, finally, became the
liberator of the Czechs and
Slovaks and founder of the New
Republic.MASARYK in 1917 wandered
from country to country
rallying his forces. In Russia
he collected into three divisions
all those Czechs who found
themselves in that country,ordered them to make that his-
toric journey right acrossSiberia to Vladivostok where
they embarked for Europe.Masaryk received a warm
welcome in Chicago when he
visited that city in his journey
back to Europe. The city has
always been a strong Czech
centre and therefore he received
generous assistance.The defeat of the Germans in
1918 paved the way for the in-
dependent state of Czecho-
Slovakia which had been up till
then merged into the Austrian-
Hungarian State. Masaryk had
a difficult task for he had to
steer between the reactionaries
on the one side and the Com-
munists on the other.He was drawn into the orbit
of the French and British de-
mocracies, because his whole
training led him that way.
Moreover, his wife was an
American lady of Huguenot
descent.From 1918 to 1937 he slowly
and methodically built up the
state on liberal lines, as an out-
post of the democracies in the
heart of Europe. The trade of
the country flourished and its
productions reached every part
of the world. Bata, Skoda and
Pilsen were household words
which showed how enterprising
those people were.THE annexation of Austria
however in 1938 sealed the
doom of Czecho-Slovakia, since
it exposed its flank and soon its
turn to be swallowed up came
on the Ides of March, that fatal
day of 1939.It was the crowning
treachery, this violation by
Hitler of his pledge given to Mr.
Chamberlain six months before
at Munich, that really pre-
cipitated the present war, since
it was clearly evident that the
word of the Nazi leader could
in no circumstances be trusted.The inclusion of Czecho-
Slovakia within the Austro-
Hungarian Empire lasted as
PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

MAC'S BIG GAME

I HAD not seen Mac for many years
when I ran across him by chance
in Bahia. He had been an enter-
taining fellow at school, so I was quite
pleased when he asked me to his
house for lunch.After a pleasant meal we sat in a
cool room from which we could look
down on the blue water of the At-
lantic, drinking whisky, and think
that the tropics were not so bad after
all.After a time our talk turned to
hunting, and Mac pointed to a fine
big spotted skin which served as a
rug on one corner of the polished
floor."Do you see that skin?" said Mac.
"That jaguar nearly got me before I
got it."He took another long drink of
whisky, sat back in his chair and told
the story."It was in Matto Grosso," he went
on. "I was spending the night in a
small cabin and the door had no lock.
I was all alone, but I did not feel
there was any special danger, and
when I lay down I had my rifle be-
side me. As an extra precaution I
put my revolver under my pillow,
and then fell fast asleep.""I had been sleeping for a good
time when I was awakened by a soft
movement. I turned over on my side
and looked towards the door. You
can imagine how I felt when I saw
a full grown jaguar standing in the
moonlight.""Little by little I reached out for
my rifle. I had it ready and was
just about to fire when the beast
leapt. Before I had time to press
the trigger the brute had leaped out
and knocked the rifle from my
hands.""To my surprise it did not im-
mediately attack me again but stood
back, its tail lashing furiously. Then
I remembered my revolver. I drew
it quickly from beneath my pillow
and cocked. Again, before I could
fire the beast leapt, and again my
dream was smashed from my hand.
The blow threw the revolver across
the room, and in a second of time I
realised I was lost. Almost at the
same moment a shot rang out and
the jaguar fell to the ground.""It was only after some minutes
that I understood what had hap-
pened. The revolver had struck
against the wall and gone off. The
jaguar had literally shot himself."Mac looked at the spotted skin
fondly and took another whisky.That was some years ago. Last
week I met a friend who is just
home from India."Do you know whom I met out
there?" he said. "Old Mac!"
I expressed my surprise.
"Yes," said my friend from India.
"And he's had some thrilling times.
Too. He had a narrow escape from
a leopard not so long ago. He was
sleeping alone in his bungalow when
the beast came in. It attacked him,
and during the struggle Mac's re-
volver went spinning across the
room and struck the wall. The gun
went off and the leopard fell dead.
Shot through the heart!"
That spotted skin seems to be
serving Mac very well. I do not
know whether he intends going to
Africa or not, but I think he should.
You see, the spotted skin once
covered an African leopard, and he
might as well have the whole story
right.

Miller Watson

SELENGA DETENTION IN HONGKONG

RUSSIANS DEMAND RELEASE OF SHIP

THIS IS WHAT NAZIS DO TO NEUTRAL SHIPS

CONTRABAND CONTROL PROTEST

Italian Students' Demonstration

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
FLORENCE, Mar. 6 (UP). — Carabinieri to-day dispersed a large band of Italian students who were demonstrating in front of the British Consulate in protest against the British contraband control involving Italian coal ships.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states that the collier Lianzo has been released because she left port prior to March 2. The others are lying at anchor in the Downs awaiting orders from the contraband control authorities and the outcome of diplomatic exchanges.

The ninth Italian ship, the Liana (6,400 tons) carrying German coal has been detained in the Downs.

It has been learned from reliable sources that the British reply to Italy will reject the protest in effect because the Italian protest challenged PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

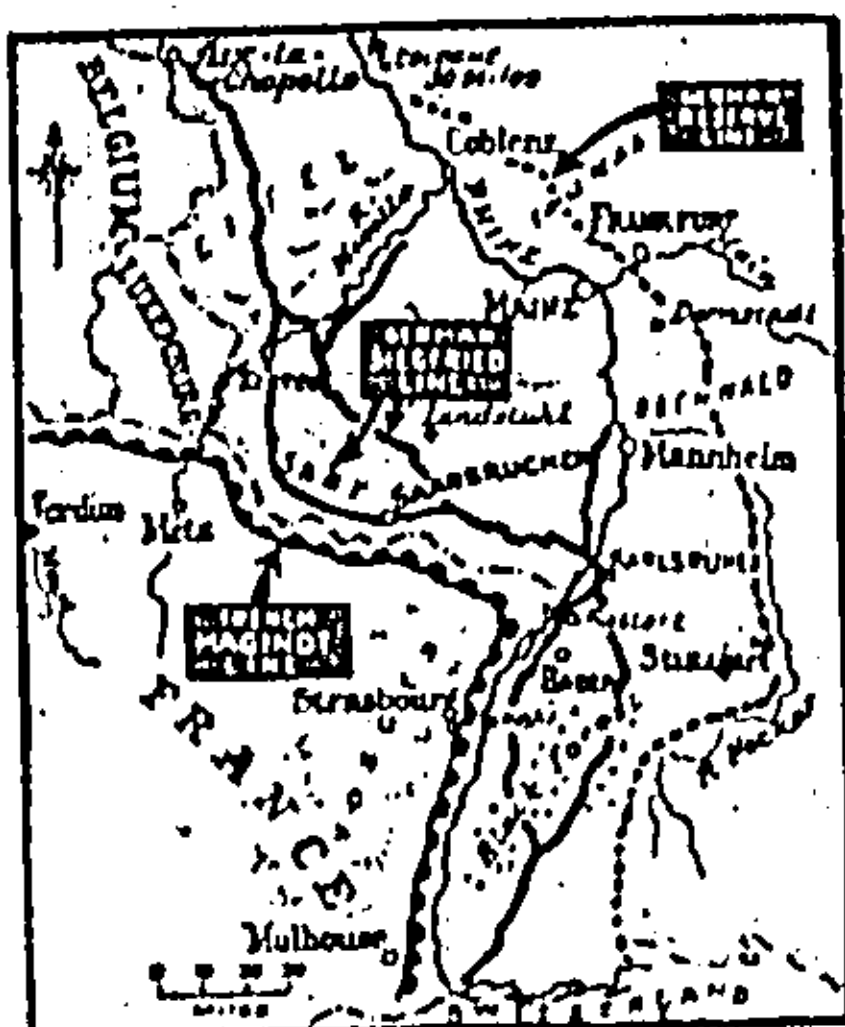
There have been frequent references to the British Contraband Control operating in the Downs. What is, or are, The Downs?

YOU MAY NOT KNOW

The Downs is a celebrated roadstead for ships, extending six miles along the east coast of Kent, protected on the seaward side by the Goodwin Sands.

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'Stand To' Warning To B.E.F. Advance Forces

NAZI OFFENSIVE THOUGHT NEAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Passed by Field Censor in France, Mar. 6 (UP).—All officers and men with the advanced air and land striking forces have been warned that the present lull cannot be expected to continue indefinitely with the improvement in the weather and the consequent improvement in the chances of a sudden German offensive.

Officers and men have been instructed that their respirators, steel helmets and anti-gas clothing must be kept ready for instant use and that their rifles and revolvers must be carried when they are travelling.

Air raid drill has become a regular routine. All personnel have been ordered to wear their respirators for at least half-an-hour each week.

Western Front Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—The German High Command's communiqué to-day stated: "East of Moselle a patrol to-day captured an English emplacement, inflicting severe losses, and taking 16 prisoners."

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) declares that the British also lost 20 dead while the Germans lost only one.

"Through courageous German patrol action it was found that the British apparently were employed at

Red Ambassador Sees Minister

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MARCH 6 (UP).—THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, M. MAISKY, CALLED ON THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC WARFARE TO-DAY AND INSISTED ON THE PROMPT RELEASE OF THE 2,492-TON SOVIET FREIGHTER SELENGA, WHICH HAS BEEN DETAINED IN HONGKONG SINCE JANUARY 13.

It is understood that the Minister, Mr. Ronald Cross, has assured M. Maisky that the question of the Selenga's detention will be settled soon.

Mr. Cross did not, however, indicate the nature of the settlement.

The Selenga, which is owned by the Soviet Government, was brought into Hongkong harbour on January 13 by a unit of the Royal Navy.

Saito To Be Expelled

Sequel To Criticism Of Government

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Disciplinary Committee of the Diet held a meeting in camera to-day and unanimously voted for the expulsion of Mr. Saito, the Diet member who recently created a furore with his criticism of Government policy.

The recommendation will be taken up at the House plenary session in camera to-morrow.

Approval of the recommendation is a foregone conclusion.

only one small point in the front lines where they were flanked on both sides by the French," the D.N.B. report said.

French Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Mar. 6 (UP).—The Germans to-day attacked the British sector after a very violent mortar bombardment to which the Allies replied, dispersing the enemy.

Meanwhile, at Alsace, there has been artillery activity and German patrol attacks have been repulsed by cannon and machine guns.

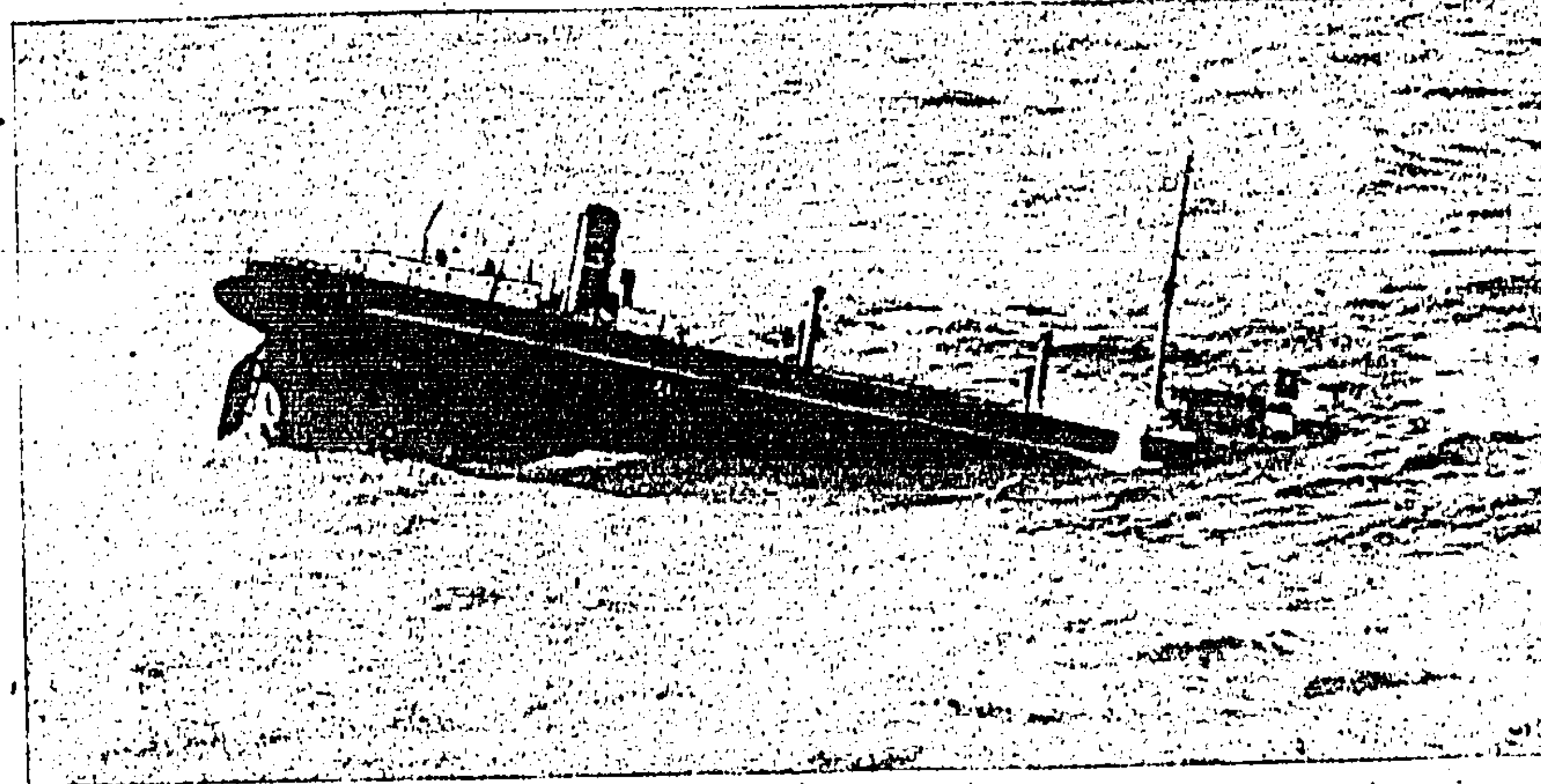
British fighters carried out reconnaissance flights at Ebernburg but fog and rain reduced flying on the Western Front almost to zero. The Germans carried out night flying over Alsace and East France.

British Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—The War Office announced: "A raid was carried out on March 5 on a British post in the Maginot sector under cover of a barrage of mortar and machine-gun fire at dawn. The enemy entered a post held by part of a platoon of infantry where they killed a Sergeant Major."

The Germans left one dead and several of our men are missing."



THIS PHOTOGRAPH TYPIFIES Nazi warfare against neutral shipping.

The vessel above has been located in a sinking condition off the mouth of the Thames by an R.A.F. aircraft of the Coast Command, which keeps vigilant watch while rescues were effected by naval patrols.

This is one of several pictures of the sinking vessel (others show the crew in the act of being rescued by a warship) which have just been issued by the Air Ministry.

This incident is a typical example of the work of the R.A.F. Coastal Command.—British Official Photograph. Copyright Reserved.

HOLLAND-REICH AIR SERVICE

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Berlin-Amsterdam air mail service which was suspended at the outbreak of war, it is understood, will be resumed on Monday.

It will be operated by German Lufthansa, whose planes will also carry freight, but the approval of the Dutch Minister of Waterways has yet to be obtained.

Meanwhile negotiations are continuing between K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines) and Lufthansa for the resumption of passenger service between the two capitals.

Nazis Try To Explain Away Warfare Against Innocents

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 6 (UP).—Germany has officially warned neutral powers that she will accept no responsibility for German planes sinking neutral ships being forced into enemy control ports.

"The responsibility lies in the fact that the neutral vessels are conducted to control ports by enemy convoys and can thus be attacked, according to international law, with the rest of the entire enemy," the announcement said.

Spokesman Not Convincing

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Neutral ships are liable to be attacked by Nazi planes if they are accompanied by Allied vessels, an official spokesman told neutral correspondents in Berlin to-day.

The spokesman declared that it is usually very difficult, if not impossible, for airmen to ascertain whether neutral ships are being accompanied merely by chance, or their own free will, or under compulsion.

In the latter event, Allied vessels must bear responsibility for the consequences, the spokesman added.

Strict Instructions

German airmen had strict instructions to refrain from any warlike action against neutral ships unaccompanied by enemy vessels and there was no question of indiscriminate shooting or bombing.

Machine-gun fire would be directed against the bows of ships to warn the captain to stop or show his flag. If the warning was regarded or the ship was prepared to defend itself, it would immediately be attacked. Recent attacks on Dutch ships were carried out because they had extinguished their lights, which was regarded as an act of resistance, and also because they were accompanied by enemy warships.

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Maxine Elliott, the famous American actress, at her home in the French Riviera.

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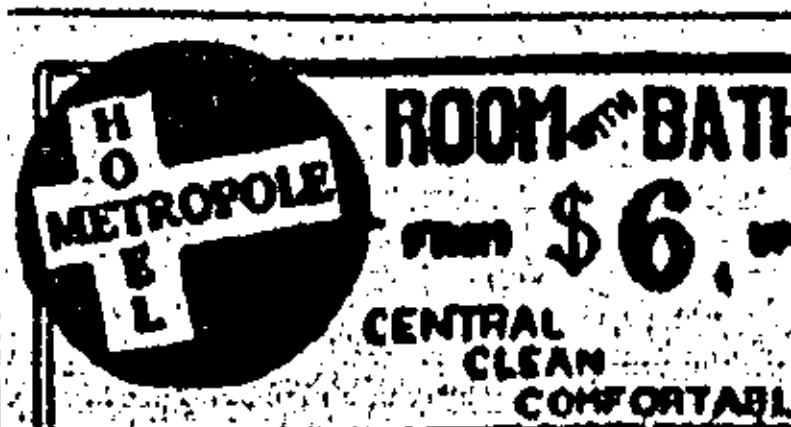
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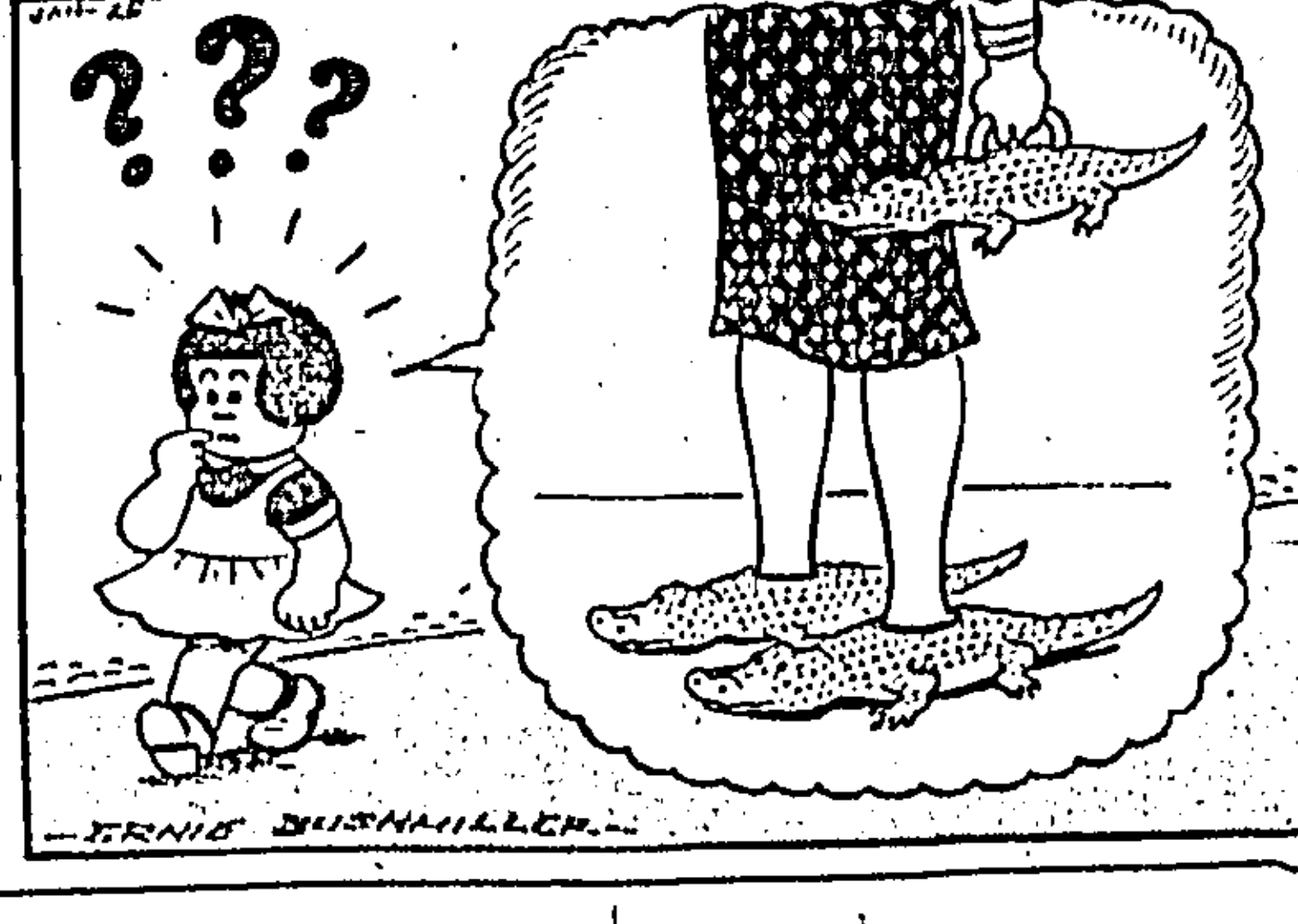
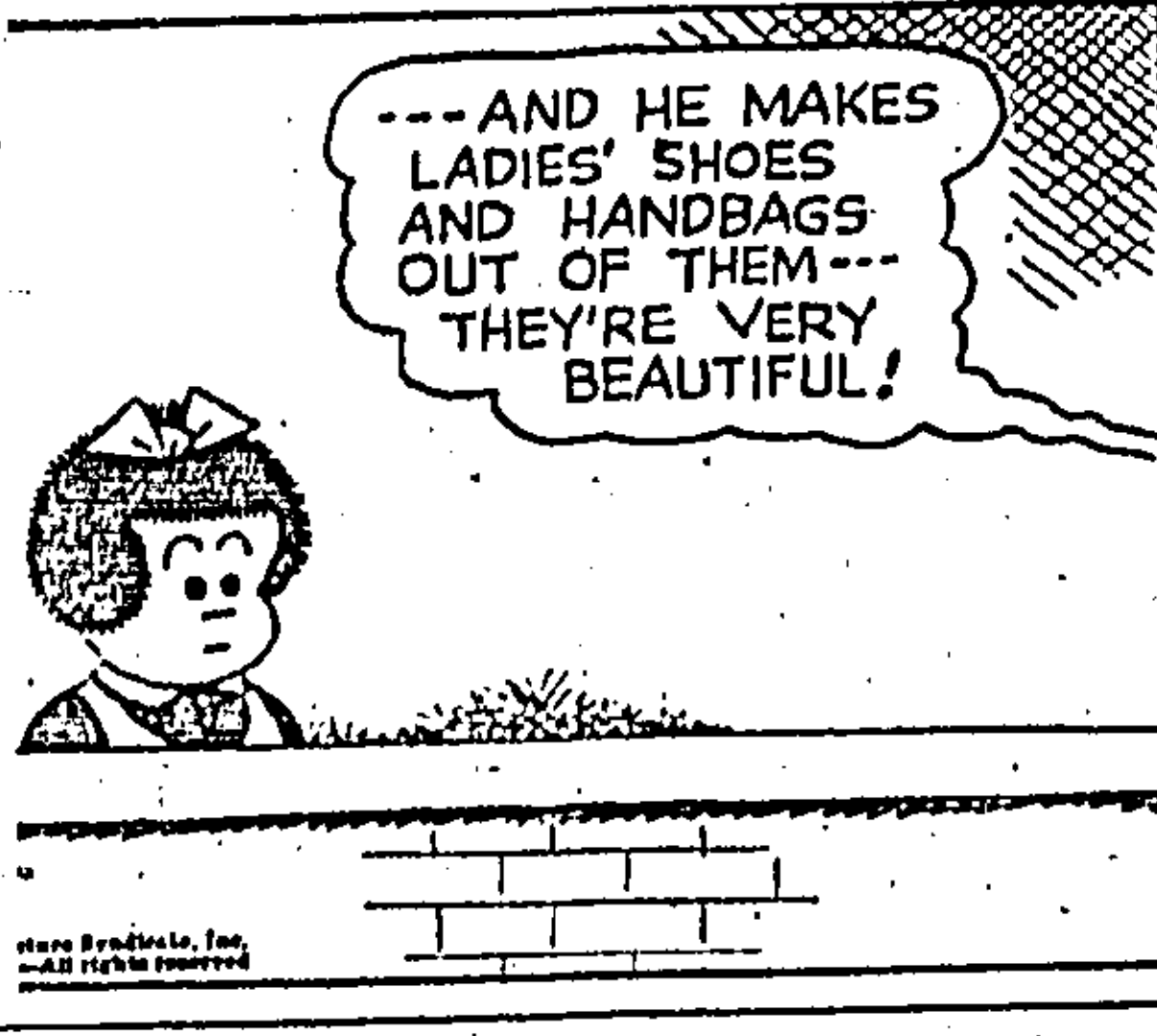
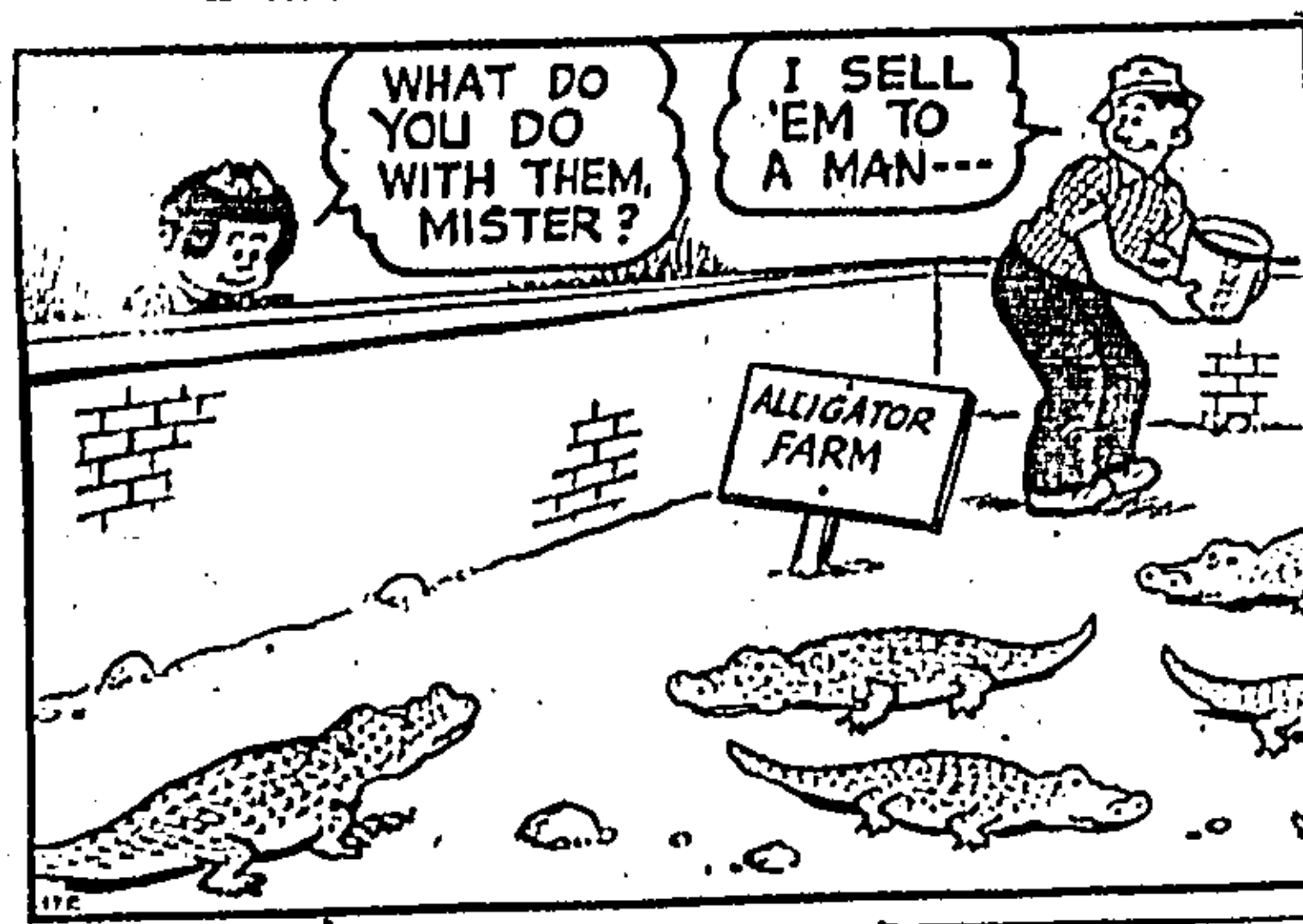
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NANCY



SUBMARINE RAMMED

Skillful Manoeuvre Saves Seventeen Lives

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELDER, Mar. 6 (UP).

It is reported that the Dutch submarine, O-11 sunk to-day two minutes after being rammed amidsthips by a Dutch naval tug.

Twenty minutes later the crew brought the submarine back to the surface where tugs were made fast to the conning tower which was opened, and seventeen men were rescued before the submarine again sank. Two men were drowned.

Three Still Trapped

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Three members of the crew are still trapped in the Dutch submarine which was sunk following a collision. To-night divers and other rescuers were working desperately to reach the men who may not have enough air for more than 24 hours.

Three special tugs raced up the coast from Amsterdam this afternoon to assist in lifting the hull of the submarine releasing the trapped sailors. There were about 30 men aboard at the time of the disaster.

Tugs worked all day trying to get the submarine's nose out of the mud, but at nightfall they still had not succeeded.

This is the first accident in Holland's 30 years of submarine history.

Taking Shots Of A Film

THE HAGUE, Mar. 6 (UP).—When she was sunk, the submarine O-11 was just commencing on short trips outside the harbour with a film operator aboard to take shots of a film entitled "Somewhere in Holland."

The film operator jumped overboard and was rescued.

PUPPET OFFICIAL ASSASSINATED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 6 (UP).—Armed men to-day shot and killed Chang Li-sung, a minor official working for the Japanese-owned Central China Telecommunications Company which has taken over the former Chinese Government radio offices.

Four shots were fired as Chang was walking in Yu Ya Ching Street, which was crowded at the time. Chang was twice struck in the chest and died an hour later after being rushed to hospital.

Thirty Killed In Explosion

ROME, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Thirty were killed and many injured as the result of an explosion in a power factory at Brescia to-day.

Daladier To State Peace Terms

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Mar. 7 (UP).

M. Daladier, the French Premier, will announce France's war aims to-day, on the eve of his conferences with Mr. Sumner Welles.

Summarised, these war aims are:

1.—France will not lay down her arms until Poland and Czechoslovakia have been re-established in complete integrity and independence.

2.—Germany must have a government which will satisfy France that she can obtain material and moral guarantees of respect of treaty rights of all nations—big and small.

3.—France is prepared to admit that the United States has an interest in post-war reconstruction, but maintains that the Allies must retain priority of influence, since they are waging the war.

Dismemberment Must Stand.

Says Hungary

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Mar. 6 (UP).—Hungary, which gained her slice of territory at the expense of Czechoslovakia when Germany marched into the stricken Republic, will oppose any reconstitution of the dismembered State.

This declaration was made in parliament to-day by Count Czaky, the Foreign Minister.

In Interests Of Europe

"It is in the interests of Europe that the State of Czechoslovakia should never be re-established," he declared.

"It is important that we make the Western Powers understand that they would be slipping into an exceedingly dangerous situation if they give any premature promises."

Count Czaky made this statement in answer to a question regarding the activities of Czech refugee committees and organisations in Hungary.

BRITISH NOTE TO ITALY SOON

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).

"Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent says that it is expected that the British Note in reply to the Italian protest in regard to the ban on German coal exports will be sent to Rome in the course of the next few days.

A total of 375 Trade-Marks were registered in Hongkong last year, as compared with 350 in the preceding year. Applications in both years totalled 436.

Armistice After Fall Of Viborg

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 7 (UP).

The Tallinn Correspondent of the "National Tidende" reports that the Soviet Union will be prepared to negotiate for an armistice with Finland immediately after the fall of Viborg.

The same newspaper's correspondent at Stockholm connects the visit of Sven Hedin, famous Swedish explorer, to Berlin with possible mediation by Germany and Sweden in the Russo-Finnish War.

Hedin, who is known as an intimate friend of Herr Hitler, is visiting the Fuehrer, and it has been suggested that he carries unofficial Swedish proposals for joint mediation.

DEATH OF SIR H. BOWER

Served With Army In China For Six Years

LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The death is announced at the age of 81 of Major-General Sir Hamilton Bower, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who served in the China War of 1900, during which time he was mentioned in despatches, received a medal with clasp and was promoted to Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

In addition to serving in the Indian Army, Major-General Bower was Commandant of the Peking Legation Guard from 1901 to 1906.

He was awarded the Founder's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society for his explorations in Tibet, and he also travelled in Turkestan and Persia. He was the possessor of the Royal Humane Society medal.

Czech Exiles Take Oath To-day's Fateful Anniversary

PARIS, Mar. 7 (UP).—Czechoslovakia's army in exile, which is now serving on the Western Front, took the Oath of Allegiance to-day, the anniversary of the birthday of the country's first President, M. Masaryk.

To-day may be a critical day for people living under the Gestapo terror in the conquered territory. Any attempts at demonstration will be feared, meet with crushing reprisals from the Gestapo.

ITALIAN STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION

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the principles upon which the economic blockade is being conducted.

Conciliatory Reply

However, the British reply will be in a conciliatory tone and will be despatched in a few days.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare has pointed out that the coal blockade is not discriminating against Italy since they have refused exemptions for German goods destined to nine-

On March 5 alone, twenty-one neutral ships arrived at contraband control bases in the British Isles, the Ministry points out.

Britain feels she cannot make an exception of Italy without according similar treatment to the United States and Japan, both of whom have protested against the export ban.

Latest reports state that the Loassa is proceeding to Italy and that the coal aboard the other eight ships will be unloaded.

Clearance of the ships will be expedited by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Evading The Blockade

LUCERNE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Train-loads of German coal are passing daily over Simpon and the St. Gothard routes bound for Italy.

Return trains are loaded mainly with Italian agricultural products. The traffic has become so great that Swiss railways have had to bring reserve locomotives into service and to engage extra staff.

Two More Ships Held

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that two more Italian ships arrived at a British contraband control base to-day.

16 Colliers In Downs

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Altogether ten Italian colliers reached the Downs Control to-day, bringing the total Italian vessels detained up to 16.

It is estimated that the total tonnage is 80,000 and the coal cargoes amount to 100,000 tons.

Italian Press Silent

ROME, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The detention of Italian colliers is the main item in the newspapers, but comment is reserved.

Leading articles do not mention the subject and even the huge headlines are confined to statements of fact.

Only the "Popolo D'Italia" talks of "British intransigent gesture."

"Political circles show similar reluctance to make a definite comment."

"We regret that things have arrived at this crucial point, but there is a clear tendency to hope for a friendly solution," "Reuter" was told.

Nazi Cool As Prize Cargo

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The Enemy Exports Committee, meeting this evening, ordered the detention in prize of the cargoes of coal carried in eight out of the nine Italian vessels at present lying in the Downs.

The ninth ship was released as it is established that she sailed on March 1 and was subsequently delayed by engine trouble.

Wants Statement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 6 (UP).—Mr. Arthur Henderson, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, will ask Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Monday for a statement on the divergence of views which has arisen between the Italian Government and His Majesty's Government regarding the importation of German coal into Italy.

Warships For Dutch Indies

Criticism Refuted In Hague Parliament

THE HAGUE, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the Second Chamber to-day the Communist Leader, Mr. Visser, criticised what he called "growing Anglo-Dutch co-operation in the Far East" and urged the withdrawal of the Government's plan to build three new battle cruisers for the Dutch Indies.

The Minister for the Colonies, Mynheer Vlasser, refuted Visser's views and adhered to the intention to build the ships.

EVASIVE ANSWER

British Government & Chungking Talks

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Wilfred Roberts asked whether the Prime Minister could now make a statement concerning the recent discussions between General Chiang Kai-shek and the representative of the British Government at Chungking.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Ambassador in China had been at Chungking since January 4 and during his stay he had, as usual, maintained close contact with the Chinese Government on a large number of matters of common interest to the two governments.

ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, replying to a question, said that Viscount Halifax was aware that anti-British activities continued in parts of North China.

He repeated that representations had been made to the Japanese Government about the failure of the local authorities to suppress such manifestations.

The Government, he said, was pursuing the matter.

HE LED THE CZECHS TO FREEDOM

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long as it did because the rule was mild, but the present tyranny is such that General Blaskowitz, in his report to Berlin, said it would take 16 million German soldiers and policemen to control the eight million Czechs whose resistance was really determined and unrelenting.

It was hard for the Austrians to lead the Czechs, but it is quite impossible for the Germans to drive them. Every act of oppression merely intensifies this spirit of resistance and defiance. It is a struggle that is carried on almost in a light-hearted manner for the people are of the kind who meet death with a smile on their lips.

Recently, when the Germans forbade the use of lights in the cemeteries on All Saints Day, the Czechs performed the rites in the darkness, but next morning on many of the tombs, chalked in large letters were the words: "CZECHS ARISE! MAKE ROOM FOR THE GERMANS."

Then the Germans have cut down many of the trees in and about Brno. The whispered explanation—and nothing is so effective as these whispering campaigns—is that this is done purposely so that the Czechs will not have any place on which to hang the members of the Gestapo when the day comes.

These grim stories, however, are but the play of the tremendous struggle that is going on inside the Country and outside wherever Slovaks and Czechs are to be found. It is the sort of struggle that can never cease till the final goal of independence is won for this at least is due to the memory of that great, courageous, large-hearted, and far-seeing patriot leader, Masaryk, the liberator, who was born ninety years ago, and, who, though dead, lives on in the hearts of his people.

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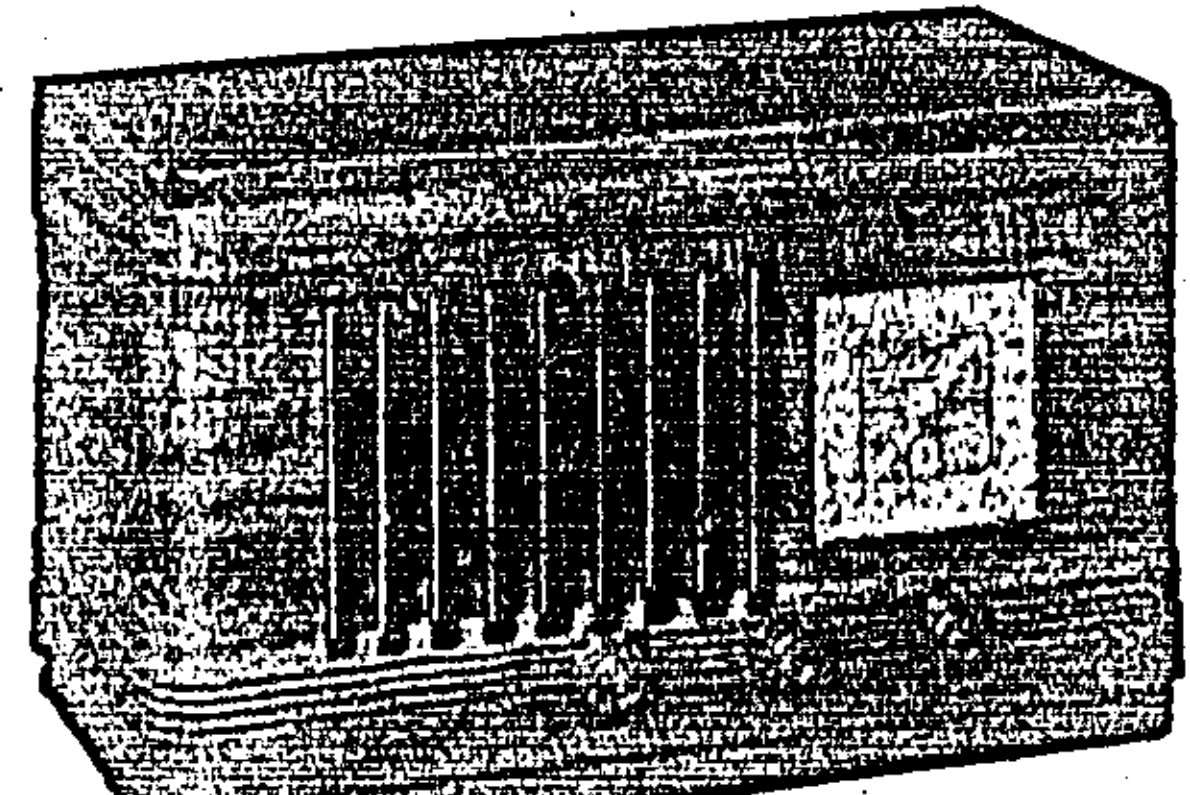
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LATE NEWS AQUARIUM FOR HONGKONG

The revelation that the Fisheries Station which is to be established in Hongkong as a result of a grant from the Imperial Government will include an experimental Aquarium was made in Legislative Council this afternoon by the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

In view of the international situation, it has been decided by Government, however, to bear the cost of establishing the Aquarium, estimated at £2,000, itself.

The British Government has made a grant of £5,000 for the Fisheries Research Station.

The Hon. Mr. Smith said: "On September 26, 1938, this Government requested the Secretary of States for the Colonies to make formal application on its behalf to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee for a grant to cover the capital cost of the establishment in the Colony of a Fisheries Station and Experimental Aquarium."

"In February, 1939, the Secretary of State replied that the Colonial Development Advisory Committee had recommended, and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had approved, that a free grant not exceeding £10,000 from the Colonial Development Fund should be paid to this Government to meet the cost of the proposed Station."

"On the outbreak of war an enquiry was addressed to the Secretary of State asking whether, in view of the necessity for the conservation of Government funds for the effective prosecution of the war, the proposed grant might still be expected to be available."

"The Secretary of State suggested in reply that the original application should be restricted so as to exclude the aquarium section of the scheme, at any rate for the duration of the war. It was considered, however, that it was highly desirable that the Fisheries Station should be constructed from the outset as a complete unit, and further, that the aquarium section was an essential component of the project as a whole."

"The Finance Committee of this Council was thereupon consulted and agreed that the cost of the Aquarium, which is expected to be in the nature of £8,000 should be gratefully accepted from the Colonial Development Advisory Committee for the construction of the fisheries research station."

"This is the first grant which has been made from the Colonial Development Fund to this Colony and it is perhaps a fitting coincidence that I should to-day be moving this resolution so soon after the publication of the far-reaching proposals of His Majesty's Government in the matter of Colonial policy in which the expansion and development of this Fund play so important a part."

Popular Army Man Seriously Hurt

SHANGHAI, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Sergeant J. Campbell, 29, popular captain of the Seaforth Highlanders football team and member of this year's Shanghai foreign side against Hongkong, was seriously injured yesterday in the French Concession in a collision between his motor-cycle and a French Army bus.

Campbell suffered a compound fracture of the left leg. Despite a successful operation, which was performed immediately, Campbell is said to be still in a fairly serious condition.

GOVERNOR'S REMARKS

At the end of the meeting, His Excellency the Governor said: "It is hoped to move the first reading of the Bill which will implement the motion that has been carried this afternoon in respect of War Revenue."

"At the same time, I hope and believe that it will be possible to make a clear statement of Government's intention with regard to the expenditure, so far as the gift to His Majesty's Government is concerned, with such details as are possible regarding figures, and I hope it will be possible to pass a resolution that day voting a certain sum of money for that purpose."

Council adjourned until March 14.

No Commission For Contracts Government To Chock "Squeeze" Racket

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—The question of offering commissions for Government contracts was raised in the House of Commons to-day when the Attorney-General was asked if he would consider introducing legislation making it illegal to offer any consideration by way of commission or otherwise for granting or procuring any Government contract.

The Attorney-General was also asked if he would, in the meantime, as a temporary check, notify all Government contractors that proof of any agreement entered into for payment of commissions by any firm of Government contractors to any agent in connection with the procuring of any contract with the Government would preclude the giving of any further contracts to such a firm.

Law Needs Strengthening
Replying, Sir Donald Somervell said that Government agreed that the law required strengthening in order to prevent undesirable practices of the kind referred to in the question, and they were proposing to make regulations for that purpose.

"In the meantime, it cannot be too widely known that there is no occasion whatever to pay commission to anybody in respect of the procuring of Government contract, and the circumstances of certain cases, to which the attention of Government is called, are being investigated," said the Attorney-General.

SIRENS SHRIEK AT GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—Air raid warnings were sounded yesterday when five unidentified planes approached from the north-west.

They turned southwards and disappeared just before they reached the outer section of the defence zone.

This is Gibraltar's fifth air raid alarm of the war.

BIG GOLD CARGO ABOARD REX

ROME, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The 51,000-ton Italian liner, Rex, sailed from here on Tuesday afternoon for New York.

In addition to 600 passengers, she carried a quantity of gold from the Dutch Government as payment to the United States for purchases received.

Criticism Of New Tin Agreement

Malaya Protests Voiced
In The Commons

LONDON, Mar. 6 (Reuter).—Replying to Mr. H. F. S. Stokes in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. MacDonald said he was aware that certain producers in Malaya were opposed to the International Tin Agreement and measures taken under it, but he believed that their views were contrary to those of the great majority of producers in Malaya.

In a supplementary question, Mr. Stokes asked if Mr. MacDonald was aware that the restriction of "eighty per cent." had taken effect and that a considerable quantity of tin had to be purchased from foreign sources, and that there was concern in the trade about this matter.

Admits Criticisms

Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was aware there were criticisms concerning the decision taken, but all were relevant to the considerations taken into account by the International Tin Committee.

He said he was satisfied that their decision was welcomed by a great majority of producers.

Replying to Mr. W. Thorne, Mr. MacDonald MacDonald said he was certain that if there were a shortage of tin in Great Britain he would receive representations from his colleagues.

HARUNA MARU HELD UP

OSAKA, Mar. 7 (Domei).—Three live shells were fired across the bows of the N.Y.K. liner Haruna Maru by a French warship off the coast of Portugal in the middle of January, according to Captain Akiyoshi, who arrived in Osaka on Wednesday.

Captain Akiyoshi stated that one of the three shells fired by the French warship fell a dozen yards from the Japanese ship.

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